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SUBJECT: CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC); DOMESTIC

SECURITY/TERRORISM (S/T); DO: CHARLOTTE.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY ON COTC AUTHORIZED FEBRUARY 13, 1992,

TO EXPIRE MAY 17, 1992.

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[REDACTED] DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT, CTS, CID, AND SA [REDACTED]

MILWAUKEE DIVISION, ON FEBRUARY 24, 1992.

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION IS CONDUCTING A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY ON THE COTC IN ORDER TO CORROBORATE LOS ANGELES COOPERATING WITNESSES (CW'S) INFORMATION FROM LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS THAT THE COTC IS CONDUCTING TRAINING WHICH INCLUDES WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES TRAINING AND THAT THIS TRAINING IS FOR A "RACIAL HOLY WAR." THESE LOS ANGELES SKINHEADS ALSO REPORT TO THE TWO CW'S THAT THE COTC UTILIZES TEENAGE MALES AND FEMALES AND PROVIDES THEM WITH WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES TRAINING. ALLEGEDLY, THESE TEENAGERS ARE ALSO UTILIZED TO INFILTRATE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO OBTAIN MILITARY INFORMATION (CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED) AND ALSO ATTEMPT TO STEAL MILITARY SUPPLIES, WEAPONS, AND EQUIPMENT. BY STEALING WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES, THESE TEENAGERS HOPE TO CREATE A STOCKPILE FOR THE UPCOMING "HOLY WAR" AS WELL AS OBTAIN LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR FUTURE ATTACKS ON THE BASES.

THE FILES OF THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE OF THE FBI REVEAL THAT BERNARD LOEWEN KLASSEN, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY 20, 1918, POST OFFICE BOX 400, JTD, NORTH CAROLINA, IS A RETIRED

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REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER WHO CAME TO NORTH CAROLINA IN 1982 FROM FLORIDA AND BEGAN BUILDING HIS COTC FOR THE NATIONAL DISSEMINATION OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND BROCHURES WHICH ADVOCATE WHITE SUPREMACY.

KLASSEN IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE COTC WHICH IS HIS "CREATIVITY CENTER." THIS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF ONE TWO-STORY CHURCH BUILDING, A RANCH STYLE HOUSE BEHIND THE CHURCH WHERE KLASSEN RESIDES, AND ANOTHER SMALL BUILDING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH. THE COMPLEX COVERS APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES AND A BOARDED FENCE RESTRICTS VIEW OF THE STRUCTURES.

"RACIAL LOYALTY" IS A MONTHLY NEWSPAPER EDITED BY AND DIRECTED BY KLASSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE COTC. THIS NEWSPAPER STATES IT IS DEDICATED TO THE SURVIVAL, EXPANSION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE WHITE RACE. PRIOR INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT APPROXIMATELY 25,000 COPIES OF THIS NEWSPAPER ARE MAILED MONTHLY.

THE COTC PURPORTS TO BE A RACIAL RELIGION, BUT IT EXPRESSLY EXCLUDES A SUPREME BEING. THIS CHURCH ALSO BORROWS LIBERALLY FROM THE NAZI NATIONAL SOCIALISM PHILOSOPHY BUT INCLUDES ALL WHITE NATIONALITIES. THE OFFICIAL COTC POSITION

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ADVOCATES NO UNLAWFUL ACTS, BUT RATHER PREPARATION FOR A RACIAL HOLY WAR.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES, LOS ANGELES' CW'S WERE DEBRIEFED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1992, AT CHARLOTTE. BOTH CW'S, TOGETHER AND SEPARATELY, HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH COTC MEMBER

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT TRAINING FOR SKINHEADS WOULD BEGIN IN THE SUMMER AND THAT THE MAJORITY OF SKINHEADS WOULD BE COMING FROM WISCONSIN AND MICHIGAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS, [REDACTED] DID NOT MENTION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, HE DID [REDACTED] DISPLAYED

[REDACTED] NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF SKINHEADS AT THE COTC COMPOUND AND IT WAS NOTED THAT SEVERAL SKINHEADS WERE HOLDING WHAT APPEARED TO [REDACTED] ADVISED

THAT HE WAS TRAVELING TO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 2, 1992, BY GREYHOUND BUS AND THAT HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO MEET SKINHEADS AND RECRUIT THEM FOR TRAINING AT THE COTC COMPOUND IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND THEN EVENTUALLY SIGN THEM UP

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AS COTC MEMBERS. [] ADVISED THAT HE HAD ALREADY MET SEVERAL MILWAUKEE AREA SKINHEADS AND THEREFORE HAD ESTABLISHED SOME CONTACTS IN MILWAUKEE. [] MENTIONED THAT HE ALSO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO KENOSHA AND KENOSHA, WISCONSIN.

[] ADVISED THAT [] OUT OF THE PRESENCE OF THE SECOND LOS ANGELES CM AND ASKED, IN WORDS TO THE EFFECT, "WHEN I GET TO MILWAUKEE AND NEED ANY HELP []

[] ANSWERED THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO [] IF HIS BOSS, []

A REVIEW OF THE MARCH 1992 ISSUE OF COTC PUBLICATION "RACIAL LOYALTY" REVEALS AN ARTICLE WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY REPUBLISHED FROM THE "MILWAUKEE SENTINEL" DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1992. IN THIS ARTICLE, AMONG OTHER STATEMENTS, COTC PRESIDENT KLASSEN ADVISES THAT THERE ARE DOZENS OF CREATORS, AS THE COTC MEMBERS ARE CALLED, IN MILWAUKEE AND THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. THIS ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT THERE IS A 24 HOUR WHITE SURVIVOR HOTLINE IN OPERATION WITH A RECORDED MESSAGE []

[] THE MESSAGE CALLS [] A TERRORIST. REFERRING TO []

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THREAT TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE IF CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY'S
BLACKS DO NOT IMPROVE, THIS RECORDED MESSAGE ALSO STATES THAT,
"WE CREATORS WILL BE THERE TO FIGHT AGAINST HIM."

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION [REDACTED]

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NAME - [REDACTED] SEX - MALE; RACE - WHITE;
WEIGHT - [REDACTED] HEIGHT - [REDACTED] EYES - [REDACTED] HAIR - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH - [REDACTED] SOCIAL SECURITY
ACCOUNT NUMBER - [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION BY CHARLOTTE HAS DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY RESIDED IN [REDACTED] AND
IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF [REDACTED] COTC MEMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO IS PENDING [REDACTED] A BLACK
U. S. NAVY SAILOR IN MAY 1991.

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION IS CURRENTLY OBTAINING A SUITABLE
PHOTOGRAPH [REDACTED] AND THIS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY
FORWARDED TO MILWAUKEE AND LOS ANGELES.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION, AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN IS
REQUESTED, THROUGH LOGICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER SOURCES,

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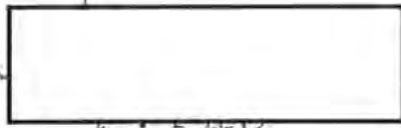
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SUBJECT: ① LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS; DOMESTIC
SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T); OO: LOS ANGELES; CHURCH OF THE



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CREATOR (COTC); DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T); OO:
CHARLOTTE.

LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION WAS
AUTHORIZED ON AUGUST 20, 1989, AND EXTENDED TO AUGUST 3, 1992.
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INVESTIGATION ON COTC AUTHORIZED FEBRUARY
18, 1992, TO EXPIRE ON MAY 17, 1992.

REFERENCE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ET AL; DATED
FEBRUARY 15, 1992, ENTITLED "LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS;
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T); OO: LOS ANGELES"; AND
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SSA [REDACTED]
CHARLOTTE DIVISION AND SSA [REDACTED] DOMESTIC TERRORISM
UNIT, TERRORISM SECTION, CID, FBIHQ, ON FEBRUARY 18, 1992.

ACTING SAC, CHARLOTTE DIVISION CONCURS WITH TRAVEL OF SA
[REDACTED] AND TWO LOS ANGELES COOPERATING WITNESSES
(CW'S) TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. IN ADDITION, ACTING SAC,
CHARLOTTE APPROVES MEETING OF TWO LOS ANGELES CW'S WITH
MEMBERS OF THE COTC IN OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA.

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION IS INITIATING A PRELIMINARY
INQUIRY ON THE COTC IN ORDER TO CORROBORATE LOS ANGELES CW
INFORMATION FROM LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS THAT THE COTC IS
CONDUCTING TRAINING WHICH INCLUDES WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

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TRAINING AND THAT THIS TRAINING IS FOR A "RACIAL HOLY WAR." THESE LOS ANGELES SKINHEADS ALSO REPORT TO THE TWO CW'S THAT THE COTC UTILIZES TEENAGE MALES AND FEMALES AND PROVIDES THEM WITH WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES TRAINING. ALLEGEDLY, THESE TEENAGERS ARE ALSO UTILIZED TO INFILTRATE MILIARY INSTALLATIONS TO OBTAIN MILITARY INFORMATION (~~CLASSIFIED~~ AND UNCLASSIFIED) AND ALSO ATTEMPT TO STEAL MILITARY SUPPLIES, WEAPONS, AND EQUIPMENT. BY STEALING WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES, THESE TEENAGERS HOPE TO CREATE A STOCKPILE FOR THE UPCOMING "HOLY WAR" AS WELL AS OBTAIN LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR FUTURE ATTACKS ON THE BASES.

THE FILES OF THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE OF THE FBI REVEAL THAT BERNARD (BEN) KLASSEN, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY 20, 1918, POST OFFICE BOX 400, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA, IS A RETIRED REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER WHO CAME TO NORTH CAROLINA IN 1982 FROM FLORIDA AND BEGAN BUILDING HIS COTC FOR THE NATIONAL DISSEMINATION OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND BROCHURES WHICH ADVOCATE WHITE SUPREMACY.

KLASSEN IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE COTC WHICH IS HIS "CREATIVITY CENTER." THIS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF ONE TWO-STORY

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CHURCH BUILDING, A RANCH STYLE HOUSE BEHIND THE CHURCH WHERE KLASSEN RESIDES, AND ANOTHER SMALL BUILDING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH. THE COMPLEX COVERS APPROXIMATELY 26 ACRES AND A BOARDED FENCE RESTRICTS VIEW OF THE STRUCTURES.

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THE COTC AND ITS PRESIDENT, BEN KLASSEN, WERE THE SUBJECTS OF A FBI INVESTIGATION DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 29, 1989 THROUGH JUNE 14, 1990, AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE COTC IS LESS THAN FIFTEEN (15) IN NUMBER; HOWEVER, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS CHURCH DISSEMINATES INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND OVERSEAS. TO DATE, THE FBI HAS INFORMATION THAT MEMBERS AND CHURCHES ARE IN ENGLAND, SOUTH AFRICA, SWEDEN, AND CANADA.

THE COTC PURPORTS TO BE A RACIAL RELIGION, BUT IT EXPRESSLY EXCLUDES A SUPREME BEING. THIS CHURCH ALSO BORROWS LIBERALLY FROM THE NAZI NATIONAL SOCIALISM PHILOSOPHY BUT

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INCLUDES ALL WHITE NATIONALITIES. THE OFFICIAL COTC POSITION ADVOCATES NO UNLAWFUL ACTS, BUT RATHER PREPARATION FOR A RACIAL HOLY WAR.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION, AT ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA: WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH CW'S AND THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF COTC.

CHARLOTTE DIVISION AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA: WILL BRIEF CW'S ON FEBRUARY 20, 1992, REGARDING THEIR TRIP TO COTC AND DEBRIEF CW'S ON FEBRUARY 23, 1992. WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF COTC ACTIVITIES SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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 FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174) (P)
 SUBJECT : CHURCH OF THE CREATOR
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[redacted] an extremely reliable source who furnishes information on a continuing basis, advised on 5/6/92, that asset has been following statements written by BEN KLASSEN, known as the Pontifex Maximus (leader) of the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC) and located in Otto, North Carolina, of making strong statements concerning Judge SHERMAN FINESILVER, U. S. District Judge, Denver, Colorado, in the COTC newspaper Racial Loyalty. KLASSEN, in asset's opinion, has been writing in such a way that asset feels Judge FINESILVER may be in danger. KLASSEN noted in his articles that FINESILVER was the judge who sentenced [redacted] who had been the heir apparent to take over leadership of COTC from KLASSEN. Remarks are that the judge was part of the Jewish occupational government which persecuted [redacted]. It is noted that according to asset, [redacted] will not take over COTC as KLASSEN has designated another individual to do that.

The asset is not a member of this organization, however, has closely followed this organization and its activities for the past year. Asset has no further details or facts concerning any possible danger to Judge FINESILVER other than an opinion based on KLASSEN's writings that someone affiliated with the COTC may attempt to get even with Judge FINESILVER for sentencing [redacted] to prison.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174) (C)
 SUBJECT : CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC);
 DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM
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Preliminary Inquiry (PI) initiated 2/18/92, expired 5/17/92.

Reference Charlotte airtel to Director 6/11/92 and Milwaukee teletype to Charlotte 7/22/92.

No investigation conducted after expiration date of 5/17/92. This communication delayed due to assignment of Case Agent to more priority matters.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Milwaukee, and Los Angeles are two (2) copies each of an LHM.

The cooperating witnesses utilized in the enclosed LHM have provided reliable information in the past and are identified as follows:

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On 6/26/92, the Ashville Citizen Times reported that the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC) had moved from Western North Carolina to Milwaukee and that the COTC's new leader is the Reverend BRANDON O'ROURKE of Milwaukee.

Charlotte PI referenced captioned matter is closed in view of the lack of criminal activity which is required by the Attorney General Guidelines for Domestic Security/Terrorism investigations.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Charlotte, North Carolina

July 28, 1992

CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC)
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)

On February 18, 1992, the Charlotte Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) initiated a preliminary inquiry on the COTC in order to corroborate Los Angeles FBI Cooperating witnesses [redacted] information received from Los Angeles area Skinheads, that the COTC is conducting training which includes weapons and explosives training. This COTC training is for a "Racial Holy War" (RAHOWA).

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In a booklet entitled The Little White Book authored by BEN KLASSEN, RAHOWA is identified as the one word in which we sum up the total goal and program of not only the COTC, but of the total white race and it is this: We take up the challenge and we gird for total war against the Jews and the rest of the god damned mud races of the world--politically, militantly, financially, morally, and religiously. We regard RAHOWA as a holy war to the finish, a racial holy war. It is the ultimate and only solution.

The COTC is a white supremacist organization based in Otto, North Carolina, that espouses a violent anti-semitic and anti-black philosophy. The COTC purports to be a racial religion, but it expressly excludes a supreme being. This church also borrows liberally from the Nazi National Socialism philosophy but includes all white nationalities. The official COTC position advocates no unlawful acts, but rather preparation for a racial holy war.

The files of the Charlotte office of the FBI reveal that BERNARD (BEN) KLASSEN, white male, date of birth February 20, 1918, Post Office Box 400, Otto, North Carolina, is a retired real estate developer who came to North Carolina in 1982 from Florida and began building his COTC for the national dissemination of books, pamphlets, and brochures which advocate white supremacy.

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KLASSEN is the President of the COTC which is his "Creativity Center." This complex consists of a one two-story church building, a ranch style house behind the church where KLASSEN resides, and another small building in front of the church. The complex covers approximately 26 acres and a boarded fence restricts view of the structures.

Racial Loyalty is a monthly newspaper edited by and directed by KLASSEN and members of the COTC. This newspaper states it is dedicated to the survival, expansion, and advancement of the white race. Prior investigation determined that approximately 25,000 copies of the newspaper are mailed monthly.

On March 11, 1992, the Milwaukee Police Department Criminal Intelligence Division (MPD CID) advised that they have determined that the headquarters for the COTC in Milwaukee is located on the fourth floor of a warehouse building located at 1223 South 23rd Street, Milwaukee. MPD CID advised that COTC reportedly uses the location for large Sunday meetings as well as for "Bible" meetings on Wednesdays. Lookouts equipped with walkie-talkies are reportedly posted in the windows as well as on the street in vehicles. According to MPD CID, the warehouse space was rented [redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] former Skinhead Army of Milwaukee (SHAM) member, or [redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] as has been previously noted, is COTC, Post office Box 53214, Milwaukee, and [redacted] have been identified by the anti-defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith as being former SHAM [redacted] are now affiliated with COTC.

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On March 8, 1992, two COTC-affiliated individuals were arrested by the Milwaukee Police Department for disorderly conduct in connection with a spree of racial incidents on Milwaukee's south side on the morning of March 8, 1992. The incidents did not result in any injuries. The arrested individuals were identified as [redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] and [redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] same address. At the time of his arrest [redacted] and has the word "Skinhead" tattooed [redacted] also has several tattoos and was wearing a [redacted]

According to police, [redacted] along with two other white males, drove around in a car shouting racial remarks and threatening several people with a club or pipe. The only property damage inflicted by the group was a smashed rearview mirror. The group also entered a convenience store and threw a copy of Racial Loyalty down on the counter, made White Power comments, knocked some merchandise off the shelves, and left. The driver of the car, who was not arrested, was reportedly [redacted]

[redacted] contacted [redacted] in Milwaukee. [redacted] spoke with the CW on the telephone for about an hour. [redacted] CW of attempts to join forces [redacted] the WHITE ARYAN RESISTANCE (WAR), and [redacted] the WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN in Oklahoma City. [redacted] stated that he had spoken to an associate [redacted] for purposes of combining organizations. [redacted] CW to attend an organizational meeting [redacted] concerning the attendance of various COTC chapter [redacted]

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members from Milwaukee, Canada, and Michigan. [redacted] also indicated another meeting would take place [redacted] wherein [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that there were young people in their late teens and early 20's who would be able to be molded into excellent fighting forces. [redacted] stated that with CW's knowledge [redacted] current skill [redacted] put together an excellent fighting force. At one point in the conversation [redacted]

[redacted] mentioned having spoken [redacted] he was looking forward to seeing both of them soon. He concluded the conversation [redacted] at the same number and said he could be reached at this number almost every night after 7:00 p.m.

[redacted] Milwaukee advised liaison with Milwaukee Police Department in this matter. Milwaukee has so far seen no evidence that [redacted] weapons training, purchasing or stockpiling ammunition, or purchasing explosives. Meetings, according to Milwaukee Police Department source, have not been that well attended.

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Charlotte investigation has determined that [redacted]
[redacted] previously [redacted] and is
a close friend of [redacted]
[redacted] black U. S. Navy
sailor in May, 1991. [redacted] the COTC
headquarters in North Carolina for an unknown period in 1991 -
1992 [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on or about
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[redacted] is described by observation and interview:

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[redacted] the Los Angeles riots in general.
[redacted] the police scanner each night,
monitoring the disturbances (vandalism and fires) in Los Angeles.

Subsequent to their brief discussion, and after
checking with his gun contact, [redacted] departed the restaurant
in his vehicle [redacted]

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[REDACTED] again, discussed the Los Angeles riot situation during the past week. [REDACTED] expressed his

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dismay that many people within the White Movement had missed the opportunity presented by the riots. [redacted] he expected something to happen with the White Movement this summer, and that left only two or three months left to prepare for it. [redacted] there were too many "mouths" in the White Movement nowadays.

[redacted] to conduct a [redacted] with someone he had known for only a short time. However, he felt very comfortable [redacted]

It is noted that previous to his meeting [redacted] [redacted] had informed [redacted] had committed certain acts during the Los Angeles riots, and wanted to discuss them [redacted]

[redacted] previously informed [redacted] for the Los Angeles area Skinheads.

On June 26, 1992, the Asheville Citizen Times reported that the COTC had moved from Western North Carolina to Milwaukee and that the COTC's new leader is the Reverend BRANDON O'ROURKE of Milwaukee.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION

Date: 05/21/93

TO: ✓ CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT
ATTN: SSA [REDACTED]

CHARLOTTE (Encl. 6)

CHICAGO

JACKSONVILLE (Enc. 8)

LOS ANGELES

FROM: MILWAUKEE
(SQ. 6)

POINT OF CONTACT: SSA [REDACTED]

TITLE: INFORMATION CONCERNING
CHURCH OF THE CREATOR;
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;

References: Charlotte airtel to the Bureau, dated
7/28/92, concerning file number 100A-CE-66174.

Enclosures: Enclosed for Charlotte are the original
and two copies of the following:

1. An insert detailing the Milwaukee membership of the
Church of the Creator.
2. An insert, dated 2/22/93, detailing phone calls
made by [REDACTED] between 1/26/93 and 1/28/93.

Enclosed for Jacksonville are two copies of the
following:

1. United States District Court Bond Appearance and
Complaint in the case of United States of America
vs. RICK MC CARTY.
2. A copy of the March, 1993 edition of "Racial
Loyalty".
3. An insert detailing the Milwaukee membership of the
Church of the Creator.
4. An insert, dated 2/22/93, detailing phone calls
made by [REDACTED] between 1/26/93 and 1/28/93.

PURPOSE(S): For information of receiving offices.

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DETAILS: For information of Jacksonville, the Church of the Creator (COTC) is a white supremacist organization which was founded by BEN KLASSEN of Otto, North Carolina. In May of 1992, KLASSEN [redacted] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin [redacted] of the COTC. [redacted] the headquarters from Otto to Milwaukee. b7C

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] The Milwaukee Division is currently investigating [redacted] for threatening statements he has made concerning the [redacted] (174B-MW-28180). [redacted] who has been arrested by the Chicago Division (174A-CG-86988) in connection with [redacted] to the Milwaukee based COTC.

The COTC has also purchased approximately ten acres of land in western Wisconsin, which serves as a meeting and training ground for COTC members. Over the Labor Day weekend of 1992, the White Berets, a security arm of the COTC, had a graduation ceremony for induction of several members into the COTC White Berets at this training facility. The COTC also rented building space in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where it had regular meetings on Sunday.

On 1/26/93, Brookfield Police Department (a suburb of Milwaukee) arrested three COTC members for carrying concealed weapons at the EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL in Brookfield, Wisconsin. During the arrest, the officers were approached [redacted] from Niceville, Florida, but denied answering any questions concerning why he was with the leader of the COTC [redacted]. The Brookfield Police Department checked the records, which indicated that [redacted] had been reserved by the COTC. The Brookfield Police also requested phone records from the room, which are enclosed.

The Milwaukee Police Department, Criminal Investigative Division, who is actively investigating the COTC, stating the COTC informed the Milwaukee FBI that [redacted] had been arrested [redacted] by the FBI in connection with a [redacted]. The Bond Appearance and Complaint concerning the charge [redacted] are enclosed.

The Milwaukee Police Department has said that this meeting occurred and would inform [redacted] to inform [redacted] that BEN KLASSEN had [redacted] of the COTC and that [redacted] was subsequently [redacted] a leader of the COTC. Some substantiated rumors among COTC membership indicate that the three individuals arrested at the EMBASSY SUITES may have been there to either [redacted] for attempting to [redacted] the COTC. The Milwaukee based

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membership of the COTC believes that [redacted] KLASSEN into [redacted] the COTC to him. [redacted] has requested that the COTC mail be forwarded from Milwaukee to Niceville, however, [redacted] has provided the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) with documentation indicating that he is still [redacted] the COTC and the mail should remain coming to the Milwaukee P.O. Box and not be forwarded to Niceville. [redacted] has also provided paperwork to the USPS indicating that he is [redacted] the COTC. The USPS has been holding COTC mail and is attempting to make a decision as to where to deliver it.

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The Milwaukee Division has no active investigation into the COTC, but was made aware of this information through normal liaison with local law enforcement.

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File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-6627

July 25, 1994

✓ CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC)
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)

Recent contact with a local law enforcement agency in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area which is familiar with the captioned group, determined that the membership in the COTC and activities associated with it have declined since the death of BEN KLASSEN and a move of the COTC headquarters to Niceville, Florida.

It is known that in April, 1994, approximately six individuals claiming membership in the COTC got together for target practice with semi-automatic rifles. It was reported that this session lacked any real structure and was simply a reason to "drink beer and shoot guns" rather than having any obvious terrorist significance.

It was further mentioned that typical members of this group tend to be younger (18 - 24 year old) white males who claim concurrent membership in other similar racial hate groups.

Regarding [redacted] it was determined that [redacted] white male, born [redacted] is described as a white male. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin.

For information, Kenosha, Wisconsin is a city of approximately 80,000 people which is located 20 miles south of Milwaukee on the shore of Lake Michigan.

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[redacted] is known to local law enforcement officials. He b7C
has several juvenile arrests. His only known adult arrest
occurred [redacted] At that time, [redacted]
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[redacted] Two other persons in his company were arrested for
Possessing loaded handguns.

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Date 7/6/94

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: CT SECTION/DOMESTIC/GLOBAL)

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (163C-LO-12025) (RUC) ① 5437

SUBJECT : CHURCH OF THE CREATOR;
 CHURCH OF THE CREATOR/WHITE BERETS;
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 OO: LONDON

Reference Legat London airtel to FBIHQ, dated 5/31/94 captioned as above.

Enclosed for Milwaukee, Jacksonville, and Seattle Divisions are copies of referenced airtel.

Enclosed for Legat London are 5 copies of an LHM setting forth recent investigations conducted in the Charlotte Division regarding the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC). For the Bureau, a copy of the above LHM is attached hereto.

For information of Legat London, the COTC is no longer headquartered in the Charlotte Division in that BEN KLASSEN, founder of the COTC, committed suicide on 8/11/93.

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It appears as if the majority of the activity regarding the COTC is currently centered in Milwaukee and Jacksonville Divisions. However, the information provided in the enclosed

LHM should answer most of the questions posed by [REDACTED]

It should be noted that the Charlotte Division investigation regarding this matter was officially closed on 7/28/92; however, information has been voluntarily provided by existing sources since that closing. The last information received was on 7/26/93 and no pertinent information has been provided since that date.

LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Review enclosed Legat London airtel and provide any information deemed appropriate to Legat London for passage to [REDACTED]

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Review enclosed Legat London airtel and provide any information deemed appropriate to Legat London for passage to [REDACTED]

SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Charlotte, North Carolina 28285

July 6, 1994

CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC)
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)

On February 18, 1992, the Charlotte Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) initiated a preliminary inquiry on the COTC in order to corroborate information provided by two Los Angeles FBI Cooperating Witnesses (CWs) regarding information received from Los Angeles area Skinheads, that the COTC was conducting training which includes weapons and explosives training. This COTC training was for a "Racial Holy War" (RAHOWA).

In a booklet entitled The Little White Book, authored by BEN KLASSEN, RAHOWA is identified as follows:

"...the one word in which we sum up the total goal and program of not only the COTC, but of the total white race and it is this: We take up the challenge and we gird for total war against the Jews and the rest of the god damned mud races of the world--politically, militantly, financially, morally, and religiously. We regard RAHOWA as a holy war to the finish, a racial holy war. It is the ultimate and only solution."

The COTC is a white supremacist organization (formerly based in Otto, North Carolina (NC)) which espouses a violent anti-Semitic and anti-black philosophy. The COTC purports to be a racial religion, but it expressly excludes a supreme being. This church also borrows liberally from the Nazi National Socialism philosophy, but includes all white nationalities. The official COTC position advocates no unlawful acts, but rather preparation for a racial holy war.

The files of the Charlotte Office of the FBI reveal that BERNARD (BEN) KLASSEN (Deceased), white male, Date of Birth February 20, 1918, P.O. Box 400, Otto, NC, was a retired real estate developer who came to North Carolina in 1982 from Florida and began building his COTC for the national dissemination of books, pamphlets, and brochures which advocate white supremacy.

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KLASSEN was the President of the COTC which is his "Creativity Center". The COTC complex consisted of one two-story church building, a ranch style house behind the church where KLASSEN resides, and another small building in front of the church. The complex covered approximately 26 acres and a boarded fence restricted view of the structures.

Racial Loyalty was a monthly newspaper edited and directed by KLASSEN and members of the COTC. This newspaper stated it was dedicated to the survival, expansion, and advancement of the white race. Prior investigation determined that approximately 25,000 copies of the newspaper were mailed monthly.

Investigation in the Charlotte Division has determined that on 7/26/93, the COTC furnished an open letter to all members of the COTC

[redacted] It was Charlotte Division's opinion that the letter was, in fact, written by [redacted] an avowed White Supremacist who has been affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan, Neo Nazi Movement, and White Patriot Party in North Carolina through the years. [redacted] a running battle with BEN KLASSEN, who in recent months had retired from his position of Pontifex Maximus and [redacted]

The letter set forth that KLASSEN was, in fact, a Jew and a homosexual. In addition, the letter stated that KLASSEN had let down [redacted] who was tried in Florida for murder; that KLASSEN [redacted] a former COTC member associated with KLASSEN in the Otto, NC, area; that [redacted] two skinheads, quit COTC after KLASSEN propositioned them; that, according to the writer, KLASSEN drugged and committed homosexual acts with a boy named DENNIS WITHERSPOON, at Otto, NC, during 1987; and that KLASSEN had WITHERSPOON murdered in Florida in 1990.

On August 11, 1993, it was learned that KLASSEN had committed suicide at his residence in Otto, NC. KLASSEN's body was found by members of his family at his residence on the COTC compound. Local authorities reported that a number of sleeping pills and a note were found near his body. The authorities did not release the contents of the note, but did advise it referred

to Chapter 59 of KLASSEN's book, The White Man's Bible. In this particular chapter, KLASSEN writes:

"Suicide is not dishonorable. Like the ancient Romans, we believe that under certain circumstances suicide is an honorable way to die rather than live on in shame, humiliation or captivity."

"Surely we have every right to decide when and if we should die and who is better qualified to make that decision and every person for himself."

Investigation conducted on 4/15/93, in the Charlotte Division determined a tremendous amount of networking going on between COTC members in the United States (U.S.), Canada, and Germany. There have been some changes in the U.S. organization. BEN KLASSEN was originally going to transfer the leadership of the organization [redacted] whom KLASSEN [redacted]

[redacted] in the latter part of 1992. [redacted] the organization to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was using an address of P.O. Box 340377. Investigation determined that for some reason, KLASSEN changed his mind and in January, 1993, decided to [redacted] of the organization and the title [redacted]

[redacted] by KLASSEN to stay in his position until a [redacted] would be selected during the year 2000. KLASSEN had introduced [redacted] as not only taking [redacted] position of Pontifex Maximus, but also holding the title of [redacted] the COTC on a worldwide basis. KLASSEN told the membership that [redacted] came to them with a background [redacted] had been very successful at both. [redacted] according to KLASSEN, had begun a worldwide speaking tour. The Charlotte Division observed MCCARTY on the SALLY JESSE RAPHAEL television show. MCCARTY appeared with KIRK LYONS, a White Supremacist attorney, who has alternately resided in Texas and North Carolina; LAURIE SHOW, a student teacher who espouses White Supremacy; SCOTT SHEPHARD, a White Supremacist who ran for Governor of Tennessee; Reverend MAGNA KENNEDY, a black female; and HARRY DAVIDSON, a black male. KENNEDY and DAVIDSON promoted separation of the races.

The Charlotte Division determined that a few months ago, it was reported there was an attempt [redacted] while he was staying at a hotel in Milwaukee. There was a riff in the COTC and the people in Milwaukee did not like KLASSEN [redacted] The Milwaukee COTC group was talking about either joining the White Aryan Resistance or the Heritage Front. It was reported

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that the Milwaukee Police Department stumbled onto a meeting of the COTC where a [redacted] was going to [redacted]. Another COTC member from [redacted] was reportedly involved [redacted] helping him plan to [redacted]. Additionally, it was reported that [redacted] is one of the leaders of COTC in that country. Previously, [redacted] had written many times under the name [redacted] in the Racial Loyalty, the COTC newspaper. [redacted] had used this pen name in order to protect his identity [redacted].

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[redacted] is allegedly operating from [redacted]
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MARKETING HATE

JACK MCCARTY CARRIES A TAN BRIEFCASE and wears a navy blazer, starched white shirt, pressed trousers and a vibrant red tie with a fishhook pattern—a fashionable motif, no doubt, in the small Gulf Coast town of Niceville, Fla. McCarty is dining in a neighborhood eatery not far from his suburban tract home. In keeping with the seaside theme, the restaurant's walls are adorned with fake fish.

McCarty alternately stabs at a salad smothered in ranch dressing and responds to questions about his latest business venture. A large man with a prominent stomach—sweaty-palmed, jittery, and prone to nervous tics—he twists his neck from side to side before he talks. He peppers his speech with terms like “operating capital,” product “positioning” and the “bottom line to what we do.”

McCarty, a former Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh devotee and a self-described psychotherapist, claims to have a doctorate in philosophy from an East Coast university he refuses to name. However, this October he appears most comfortable speaking in the jargon of a marketing mogul.

What he's selling, McCarty says excitedly, is “like Coca-Cola. As far as positioning, it's No. 1.” But the product is nowhere near as innocuous as a soft drink.

McCarty is the proud peddler of prejudice. He is the current leader of the white supremacist Church of the Creator, “the only racist religion known to mankind right now,” as the businessman is wont to boast. McCarty's official title is Pontifex

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Maximus (Latin for "high priest"), although in keeping with his preference for corporate culture, he favors the low-keyed title of executive director, because, he says, it makes "the whole thing a little more acceptable and recognizable."

The COTC espouses a race-based religion known as Creativity, which worships nature—not a higher God—and is "dedicated to the survival, expansion and advancement of the White Race." It is virulently anti-Semitic, racist and, unlike most white supremacist groups, anti-Christian as well.

The group has a striking emblem: a red crown, a white halo and a large black W. When asked what it signifies, McCarty fumbles through a highlighted notebook for the answer, mumbling: "I've got it all written down, I'm tired and my mind's not working." (The crown, it turns out, stands for the COTC's "kingly position." The halo indicates that the white race is "sacred above all others." And the large W? It represents the white race, of course.)

Church of the Creator dogma, as outlined in such books as "The White Man's Bible," written in 1981 by COTC founder Ben Klassen, dictates that a racial holy war, or RAHOWA in COTC parlance, must ensue to rid the world of "parasitical Jews" and the so-called "mud races" (people of color). A "Jewish conspiracy," according to the COTC, controls the federal government, international banking and the media.

McCarty took over the COTC last January and readily concedes that his mission is to make it profitable. Asked if anything is unique about running a business that preaches hatred of Jews and other minorities, he responds: "It's all the same thing. It doesn't really matter. It's just a different commodity. We've had people say that a religion is not a business, but I don't know any that aren't."

Long a bit player in the already marginal world of white supremacists, the Church of the Creator has recruited heavily since the late '80s—and with some success. McCarty brags of a following in the thousands, including members in all 50 states and 37 countries, with strong chapters in Germany, South Africa and Sweden. And he says the COTC prints between 20,000 and 40,000 copies a month of *Racial Loyalty*, its tabloid.

White-supremacist watchdogs say McCarty's numbers are inflated; they estimate the church's following in the hundreds instead of thousands. But the COTC has been especially successful in reaching the most active, impressionable and violent disciples of the hate movement today: young, racist skinheads. In recent years, more than 30 COTC skinhead chapters have popped up in states such as New York, California and Wisconsin.

Numbers, however, don't tell the whole story. Indeed, the group's real strength may lie not in signing up supporters but in the particular power of its message. "They're dangerous in that they influence young kids," explains Danny Welch, director of Klanwatch, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. "The No. 1 reason why we go after the COTC," he adds, "is because they instill violence in people through their rhetoric." The COTC membership is so violent that the group has leapfrogged to the top of the list of organizations that Klanwatch tracks—superseding the Ku Klux Klan in the South, the California-based White Aryan Resistance and the Aryan Nations, headquartered in Idaho.

The most obvious sign of the group's higher profile is the growing list of criminal acts committed by its followers. The group has a national prison-based "brotherhood" of about 180, many of whom are doing time for racially motivated crimes, according to Klanwatch. COTC members have been linked to terrorist conspiracies and violence—including murder—against minorities both in the United States and abroad.

Last July, a Florida jury convicted George Loeb, a COTC minister, of murdering Harold Marshfield, an African American who had served in the Persian

Gulf War. Loeb, who does not hide his hatred for blacks, shot Marshfield in a parking-lot altercation. And at least five of the COTC's Canadian members have been arrested on charges ranging from kidnapping to assault for crimes against immigrants, anti-racists and rival white supremacists.

In July of this year, one of three skinheads suspected of firebombing the NAACP office in Tacoma, Wash., confessed that he was a COTC minister or area organizer. The heavily armed trio planned to carry out a string of attacks on Jewish buildings and black rap stars. Also in July, two Oregon County residents associated with the COTC—Jeremy von Rineman, 22, and his then-girlfriend Jill Marie Scarborough—were arrested on weapon charges in conjunction with a federal undercover sting. As part of the operation, Joe Allen, working on behalf of the FBI, had infiltrated the Church of the Creator.

Ironically, the COTC's emergence as a big-league player in global racial circles coincides with potentially self-destructive growing pains. The group has been embroiled in leadership struggles and faces financial uncertainty as well as the mounting scrutiny of federal law-enforcement officials and hate-group watchdogs.

Just who are the followers that worship at the Church of the Creator and why are they preparing for a racial holy war? And do the COTC have the staying power of other racist groups like the Klan and White Aryan Resistance? Or will the world's only white-power religion become a victim of its own success?

JEREMIAH (JEREMY) KNESAL OF AUBURN, Wash., has a long juvenile record with a racist bent. Knesal, 19 and awaiting sentencing in a Northern California prison, is a recent COTC convert who took its prophecy of a racial holy war very much to heart. In fact, he tried to start one. But after his side trips to a J.C. Penney store in a failed attempt to steal jeans, T-shirts and underwear, the race war that was just beginning was all over.

It was a summer day in Salinas, a small farm community south of San Francisco, and Knesal got busted for shoplifting. A routine police search of Knesal's car turned that dime-a-dozen arrest into a large-scale investigation involving the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Inside his 1987 green Volvo were three metal pipe bombs, four loaded rifles, ammunition, racist literature, military-style clothing and wigs. The car also contained a certificate from the Church of the Creator: Knesal was "a member in good standing."

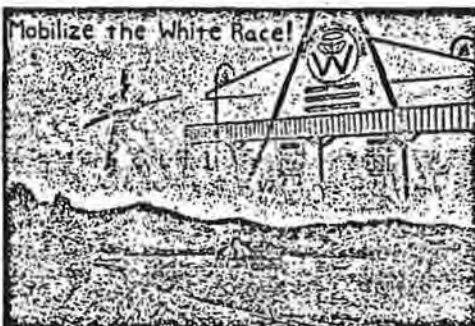
It didn't take long for Knesal to spill the beans. He told an FBI agent, who says Knesal was "very proud" to be a COTC reverend and state director, that he had bombed the NAACP building in Tacoma a week earlier. He also admitted targeting a Seattle gay bar, according to FBI Agent John Zent, where an explosion had occurred a few days later. (No one was hurt in either blast.) Court documents reveal that Knesal, along with two other white supremacists not connected to the COTC, intended to start a race war in a battleground ranging from Oregon to the U.S.-Canadian border. The trio planned to murder black rap artists Ice-T and Ice Cube and to bomb synagogues and military installations.

Knesal snatched on Wayne Wooten, 18, also of Auburn, who along with Jeremy was arrested on explosives and firearms charges in Salinas (they have not yet been charged in the Washington crimes), and he implicated a third man—the alleged ringleader, ex-convict Mark Kowalski, 24, who was later picked up in Seattle. In October, Kowalski pleaded guilty to the Tacoma NAACP bombing. On Dec. 1, Wooten pleaded guilty to one felony count and Knesal to four counts. Knesal faces a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison and more than \$1 million in fines.

When he was arrested, Knesal perfectly fit the profile of a recent COTC recruit. He favored the skinhead look: shaved head, Doc Martens boots and racist tattoos, which, according to Zent, "cover his body from the neck on down to his ankles and out to his wrists." He was affiliated with more than one racist group.



The late Ben Klassen in front of the Church of the Creator house of worship he built in 1982 in Otto, N.C. Below, a COTC poster.



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and he was kicked out of two high schools for distributing hate literature. A worthy warrior in the race war, Knesal is also a confused and troubled man. He has a prior conviction for sexual harassment of a Latino. But his father, Gordon Knesal, describes him as a "great kid" who always treated Gordon's fiancée, Adriana Pittaluga, a Latina, with kindness and respect. "He listened to her more than he would listen to me," says the elder Knesal, a Seattle resident. "I adore the kid," chimes in Pittaluga, who has two children of her own. "When I talk with him [from prison] he tells me he misses me and that he is so much and he doesn't stop crying." Knesal had other good—and bad—relationships with minorities: his mother remarried an African American man with whom Jeremy went fishing and hunting. One of his best friends is another African American who taught him how to be a cowboy. Gordon Knesal, who got custody of his son Jeremy at age 2, has searched for reasons for his child's behavior. He says the only motivation the teenager might have for hating people of color was that he was beat-up by several black men while skateboarding a few years ago. But Jeremy's racist inclinations were not tolerated at home, says his father, who reprimanded him on several occasions. "I tried everything," says Gordon, his voice undulating both weary and sad. "I couldn't get through." The COTC is especially attractive to young people like Jeremy, experts say, because the group's dogma offers a reason for their failures. "We see a lot of kids in schools crying; people can't get jobs, they're worried about unemployment, unlimited numbers of immigrants, this gives cause to a lot of people," says Klanwatch's Welch. "And someone is listening. I think white Americans do feel left out." Today's racist organizations are often less structured and more decentralized than traditional hate groups. Now, the elder statesmen of hate provide a basic framework of beliefs for a younger generation of racists, who are being encouraged to start a worldwide white revolution on their own. Jeremy Knesal may have felt like a mover and shaker within the COTC, but he had only been a member for about two months and he was unknown to McCarthy before he acted on the church's gospel. Welcoming the young has proved to be a savvy strategy of the COTC. "It's hard to get a lot of old-line Klansmen to hand out newspapers, but you can get together four or five skinheads, and they'll put out 2,000 pieces of literature in your neighborhood," says Klanwatch chief investigator Joe Roy. Teen-agers are so effective at fulfilling racism's ultimate goals. As COTC founder Ben Klassen wrote in 1988, the movement wants to get "rid of" Jews and nonwhite races through "murder, treachery, lying, deceit, mass killing, whatever it takes to win." Unlike seasoned hatemongers, skinheads are impatient for change. Kids get frustrated, they don't want to wait; they are hands-on people," Roy says. The COTC's largest "hands on" youth followings have been in Milwaukee and Toronto. At its peak last year, the Milwaukee chapter had about 80 active members and an aggressive leader, Mark Wilson (also known as Rev. Brandon Rourke)—many COTC devotees use pseudonyms in an attempt to foil police. Several of Wilson's followers are White Berets, members of the COTC's security forces. According to McCarthy, the White Berets are an "elite unit" to "protect [COTC] members and their property from harm." Asked whether the White Berets are armed, he laughs and responds: "in ways." The COTC contingent in Milwaukee has run a "white survivor hot line" and hosted overseas supporters at paramilitary training courses that feature pictures of Jews and Jews as targets, according to a British informant. Hate-group monitors also suspect that the chapter runs guns from Wisconsin across the Canadian border. The Canadian group, about 100 strong, is led by George Burdi, who calls himself the Rev. Eric Hawthorne, a 23-year-old bodybuilder and college dropout with a penchant for quoting Nietzsche. In a telephone interview, Burdi says concern over immigration, multiculturalism, unemployment and the environment are all strong drawing cards. "There's a tremendous amount of support for the COTC message," says Burdi, adding that he's looking for "a high-quality of person that's talented, educated, middle- and upper-class who [is] concerned about what's going on as we are." The spirit of COTC youth is apparent in the music of Canada's RAHOWA hymns with a love) rock band. Burdi, its lead singer, believes that his music is powerful propaganda for the '90s. The popular group's recordings are released on his Resistance Record label, which sells "pure racist rock." (To judge Canada's strict anti-hate laws, the mail-order company is based in Detroit.) In an interview for a recent MTV special on hate rock, Burdi said that

music is "the best way to reach youth... [with]... our political ideas." On the program, Burdi was introducing bands at a Toronto club packed with over-amped skinheads bouncing off one another. When RAHOWA's turn comes, he begins to belt out a song over the din of the raucous crowd. It has a familiar tune. To a reworked version of the 1960s Nancy Sinatra hit, "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'," Burdi shouts:

*These boots are made for stompin',
And that's just what they'll do.
One of these days these boots are gonna
Stomp all over Jews.*

TO LEARN ABOUT THE ROOTS OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, ONE HAS to travel to western North Carolina, to the tiny rural town of Otto, just shy of the Georgia border. It's a pretty place, dotted with wildflowers and surrounded by rolling hills. The community, too small to be incorporated as a city, consists of a couple of gas stations, a few craft shops, a home-style restaurant, post office, flea market and country music hall.

For more than a decade, it was also the home of Ben Klassen, founder and driving force behind the Church of the Creator. Klassen, who first registered the COTC in 1975 in Lighthouse Point, Fla., moved to Otto permanently in 1982. There, on his 22-acre property, he built a house of worship, an oddly shaped three-story church, complete with the COTC's white-power insignia. He also built a small warehouse, for stockpiling the group's extensive array of publications, and a little-used school for gifted (white) boys.

According to townfolk, Klassen was intelligent, philosophical and quiet, a polite man who kept to himself. He lived with his wife and daughter in a large but simple A-frame home overlooking his church. In a secluded subdivision whose entrance bears the sign: PRIVATE ROAD, PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY, NO TRESPASSING.

But if Klassen wasn't active in Otto, his ideas were well known around town. "I got along with Ben just fine. Now, I sure didn't get along with his beliefs, but I figured he had a right to them," says J. J. Ayers, a Klassen neighbor just back from Sunday service at the local Baptist church. "He'd get all stirred up about the n-----s and the Jews—he hated them. And he made that pretty clear," adds the 79-year-old farmer. The community left him to his own devices. As one longtime resident of this dry Bible Belt county explained: "Our pastor told us just to sit still and not do anything and let God take care of it."

Ben Klassen was born in Ukraine to German-speaking Mennonite parents. His family, described in his books as "early victims of Jewish Communism," lived briefly in Mexico and then moved to Canada, where he earned a degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor of arts. In 1945, Klassen settled in the United States and became a citizen three years later. He had a varied career: He was a farmer, a schoolteacher, a nickel miner, an engineer, a realtor and a Republican state assemblyman in Florida for a short time. Klassen was also the inventor of one of the first electric can openers and, in later life, an accomplished oil painter. (Speculation over where Klassen's money was made—he admitted pouring a small fortune into the COTC—is divided between the can opener and real estate.) But Klassen's greatest achievement, he believed, was creating a religion for the white race, a group he dubbed "Nature's Finest."

Disillusioned by the ultraconservative John Birch Society, to which he belonged during the 1960s, and fed up with party politics after working on the 1968 presidential campaign of George Wallace's American Independent Party, Klassen developed his own ideology. In 1938, when he was 20, he had borrowed "Mein Kampf" from the library. "The book... was to influence my life more than any other," he wrote later. It took another 30 years, but it was at this young age that "the vague outlines" for his "full-fledged racial religion for the White Volk" began to take shape. That religion would become Creativity: a creed that maintains that one's race is one's religion.

"It is hard to tell at this point in history whether the n-----s, or the Mexicans, or the Cubans, or the Italians are the biggest threat to the White Race in America," wrote Klassen in a July, 1990, issue of Racial Loyalty. "The point is they all are, as are the... other mud races who are starving in their own countries and want to get on the backs of the White Man's generous subsidy."

Klassen was not, by most accounts, a charismatic leader. In public appearances, he favored a bolo tie with the COTC's emblem and a painted-on Hitler-style mustache. But he was a prolific writer: During his 20 years as head of the

COTC, he pulped out racist propaganda at a prodigious rate—more than 15 books, including the organization's three sacred texts: "The White Man's Bible," "Nature's Eternal Religion" and "Salubrious Living," a guide to healthy habits for white warriors that he co-authored. Klassen also wrote many of the diatribes in *Racial Loyalty*, signing off with "For a Whiter and Brighter World, Creatively Yours."

Though Klassen didn't know it at the time, his writings would later position the COTC as a front-runner in the new world order of racism. Some of his books are considered classics in today's white-power movement, and *Racial Loyalty* is regarded as "good" hate literature both in the United States and abroad, where such publications are hard to come by. In Germany and Canada, for example, it is illegal. The paper has features like "Cupid's Corner," a matchmaking service for finding the right—white—mate: "White Men and Women, be fruitful and multiply! This planet is all ours!"

Although Klassen claimed that his creation was a religion, he had mixed success convincing government officials of that notion. In 1982, when he built his church in Otto, the organization was granted tax exemption "as a bona fide nonprofit religious organization" from the North Carolina Department of Revenue—a "fact" Klassen cited repeatedly. What Klassen failed to make public, however, was that the state's approval was contingent on a federal government ruling, and the IRS has no record of an exemption.

But for about seven years, Klassen's Otto property did enjoy tax-exempt status, until Richard Lightner became the Macon County assessor. In 1987, Lightner started an investigation, which concluded in 1989 that the Church of the Creator was not, in fact, a church at all. "This is not a religion; this is a social, political organization," says Lightner, who noted that the church grounds were not kept up, that there was no public notice of meetings and that the COTC was a membership organization.

In a battle that dragged on for four years, the county finally succeeded in revoking Klas-

sen's tax-exempt status. In November, 1991, Klassen had invoked freedom of speech and religion in his petition to the inquiry. "We contend that the persecution of our religion, Creativity, and our church, the Church of the Creator, is nothing more, nor is it anything less, than a malevolent, malicious witch hunt, an Inquisition reminiscent of the Dark Ages," Klassen wrote in 1990. In an anticlimactic ending, he failed to appear in court.

Lightner says it was not moral outrage that motivated him to pursue the matter. It was his compulsion to follow the tax codes to the letter. The county spent about \$15,000 on the case; for the years that Klassen never paid taxes, it lost \$20,000 to \$30,000 in revenue. From Lightner's perspective, the battle was worth it. "It's not right for legitimate churches, who help the community, to be rated the same as this type of organization," he says matter-of-factly.

At the same time the COTC was losing in court, it was winning on the streets. Klassen was beginning to strike a chord with racist skinheads. Many skinheads allied themselves with longtime racist Tom Metzger and his Fallbrook-based White Aryan Resistance, but they were growing disillusioned. In the late '80s, Metzger was embroiled in a lawsuit that revealed he had spent their contributions on such personal items as a hairpiece. They were attracted to Klassen's philosophy and his emphasis on physical training for the race war. In "On the Brink of a Bloody Racial War," published this year, Klassen implores "the younger generation" to "pursue our goal with a militancy, energy and dedication that will drive our congenital enemies into oblivion."

Klassen was also looking for a worthy successor. Tom Metzger says Klassen repeatedly courted him to take the reins, but he declined because "there were some problems. It's a church to start with, and I wouldn't want to be allied with a church." Klassen then made several mistakes in choosing the next Pontifex Maximus. First, there was the announcement that Rudy (Butch) Stanko, a Colorado-based felon, had been chosen. Stanko, who

had been convicted of selling tainted meat to schools, wanted to relocate the COTC to the Rocky Mountains, but Klassen opposed the move. Stanko declined the offer. Then there was discussion in May last year that COTC Rev. Charles Altvater, a Baltimore pizza-delivery man, would take over. But Klassen again changed his mind. That decision proved perhaps a wise one: Six months later, Altvater landed in jail for attempting to bomb a police officer's home.

In June last year, the COTC did move—briefly—to Milwaukee and was led by Mark Wilson, who served as Pontifex Maximus for about six months, was likely rewarded for his efforts in recruiting dozens of newcomers to the COTC. But Klassen, who was supposed to have retired upon Wilson's appointment, was still calling the shots. For reasons that remain unclear, Klassen apparently became disillusioned with Wilson, and the 25-year-old did not last long as the COTC high priest.

Then, out of the blue this January, Klassen selected an unknown: Rick McCarty. McCarty says he learned about the COTC from watching "Genocide" and was intrigued. "I'd never heard of the Church of the Creator," recalls McCarty, who says he "wasn't really into" racism at that time. "But I've always been interested in religions, and with my background in psychology, I thought, hey, isn't that perfect?"

On his way back from a business trip to Charlotte last October, McCarty called on Klassen. The by-then beleaguered leader lamented his inability to find a replacement, and McCarty says he cheered up Klassen with his ideas for ensuring the group's economic security. Not long after that, McCarty got the nod.

Along with the COTC's problems, Klassen faced personal difficulties in 1992. His wife of many decades died after a long battle with cancer. In July, he sold most of his compound, including the church and school, to a former leader of the American Nazi Party. Although the Otto headquarters had never been a hive of activity, he firmly believed he had "succeeded in

spreading . . . our creed and program to most of the racially conscious groups all over the world and our creed is now well rooted," as he wrote upon his retirement.

During this past summer, the 75-year-old Klassen began work on his final project. He had registered a part of his remaining land for a burial plot and was seen clearing it. He went into town to arrange for his gravestone, and on his property he burned shredded documents and took other files to a landfill. On Aug. 7, Klassen quietly committed suicide. His daughter, who had been visiting her father, discovered that he had taken an overdose of sleeping pills. A suicide note—now made public—referred to a chapter in "The White Man's Bible." In the book, Klassen wrote: "Suicide [is] not dishonorable. Like the ancient Romans we believe that under certain circumstances suicide is an honorable way to die, rather than

live on in shame, humiliation or captivity."

Speculation surrounding his suicide has swelled in recent months. Some say Klassen feared a lawsuit because of the wave of violent crimes by COTC members. Others say he was despondent over his wife's death. Still others contend that it was a simple matter of his life's work being done.

Klassen would no doubt be pleased that his meticulous planning has resulted in an impressive memorial. On a fall day in Ocala, his former property—a little shabby from neglect—is ringed by the red, burnt oranges and golden hues that mark the changing of the seasons. Tucked between the church and Klassen's home is a thin strip of grass—freshly mowed—that leads to his grave. A large, gray tombstone bears the Church of the Creator's insignia, and beneath two carved roses bracketing Klassen's name, and the years 1918-1993, is the inscription: HE GAVE THE WHITE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD A POWERFUL RACIAL RELIGION OF THEIR OWN.

IN A MARCH APPEARANCE on a "Sally Jessy Raphael" show about white-collar racism, Dr. Rick McCarty, as he prefers to be known, had a hard time getting a word in between a teacher and an attorney. Still, he made a valiant effort to espouse the COTC's point of view. "It's time that the white race think about themselves, nobilitate, promote their own interests," he said. "We don't care about the colored race. We just want to get rid of 'em." McCarty says he seizes every opportunity to appear on tabloid talk shows, but only if he is paid for his time. There's got to be something in it for us," he says bluntly.

McCarty runs the COTC out of a small office in Niceville, Fla., an unlikely name for town that's world headquarters of a white-power organization. Born in Germany while his father was stationed in the army there, he says he went to high school in Niceville, near a military town of Pensacola. McCarty also says he is divorced and childless, but he is usually separated from his first wife and has three children, according to sources

who requested anonymity. Following his recent return to Niceville, McCarty lived in Birmingham, Ala., where a lawsuit, later dismissed, accused him of fraud. He says he earns a living now by operating his own management-consultant businesses and by conducting group-therapy sessions. But one source says his statements should be taken with a grain of salt. He's "ineasy; he wouldn't really tell you where he worked or what he did."

Most locals didn't know that McCarty had moved the COTC to Niceville until July, when he was arrested on a drunk-driving charge following a COTC bash and after the organization made national news following the federal bust of Los Angeles skinheads. The COTC has no place of worship in Niceville, but there are two large warehouses that hold thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise—brooks, T-shirts, stickers and other paraphernalia that the COTC sells. A small core of White Berets handles security and helps with COTC mailings, McCarty says.

It's clear that during his short tenure McCarty has tried to bring some structure to a loose-knit organization. He is checking COTC records, making sure members have paid their \$30 "donation" and a \$25 annual subscription to *Racial Loyalty*. "Twenty years ago as a small religious movement just starting out we had more money coming in than [sic] going out. Today we have become so huge that our outgoing postage alone, would feed [sic] a small country," reads a letter from McCarty to COTC members, asking them to pay their fair share. Without Klassen's money, he says, the group is losing about \$4,000 a month. McCarty claims to draw no salary and adds that the COTC "brings in" only about \$24,000 a year.

In the course of a more than two-hour interview, it becomes apparent that this Pontifex Maximus is far from being a fire-breathing racist. At one point, McCarty confesses he doesn't have "a good, wild answer" for why he even leads the organization. "Since I'm the head of the group, I take the party line, so I would consider myself a racist," says McCarty unconvincingly. His low-key attitude, he says, stems

from the fact that he is "kind of insulated" from the white supremacist world of many of the COTC's members. "Most of the people I deal with on a day-to-day level," he says, "we think more in terms of where we're going to golf, what restaurant we get to eat at, whose boat is working, things like that."

McCarty concedes that there is "probably a lot of violence" within the group, that many of its members own guns and other weapons and that some could be dangerous. "They're not a majority," he says. And, "They have their times when they're nice to have around, of course." Pressed on whether the COTC's rhetoric encourages violence among the young, McCarty replies with a laugh: "Saying yes to a question like that would probably get you sued later on. So I'd have to answer no to that."

McCarty's main motivation seems to be to turn the COTC into a thriving venture. He understands the importance of continuing Klassen's propaganda push. Of *Racial Loyalty*, he says: "The publication is really key. That's really what keeps us alive." But he also wants to expand it. He sees a way to swell the COTC's membership by targeting an upper-income audience with a toned-down version of the paper.

McCarty has trademarked the COTC's name, emblem and rallying cry, RAHOWA. He calls the COTC's symbols powerful marketing tools that must be protected. Recently, he cottoned onto a lucrative new moneymaker. "I did some tape cassettes. Basically, all I did was take a chapter out of Klassen's books and read it on the tape and sold it for 10 bucks," he says triumphantly. "Kids love that stuff."

And McCarty believes in the marketing credo that there is no such thing as bad PR. As was the case in July when former COTC member Von Rineman, the 22-year-old from Fullerton, was arrested with his girlfriend for illegally selling a shotgun. The investigation that nabbed them also uncovered a separate skinhead plot to kill Rodney King and to bomb the First African Methodist Episcopal Church. To McCarty, the attention was a real coup. He even claims to

be unconcerned that he hooked Joe Allen, considered a star recruiter but actually an FBI infiltrator in the operation.

"What happened in Los Angeles is the best thing that could have happened to us," McCarty says. "We got a million dollars' worth of advertising for free. I thought it was excellent."

This relative newcomer to the racist movement has already found a role model. He admires the financial achievements of White Aryan Resistance's Metzger and hopes to emulate it. "I personally think Metzger runs probably the most successful racial organization in the world," McCarty says. "He probably tops it off somewhere around 150 thou a year, which is really about what you need to run one of these things." Metzger reserves kind, if cautious, words for his new colleague. McCarty "is well meaning and may pull it off," Metzger says. "Time will tell if he's the man for the job."

JOE ROY AND DANNY Welch, Klanwatch investigators, are two former Montgomery, Ala., cops who dress in the same casual manner—jeans and sneakers—and answer questions in an almost identical way. Roy, who wears small round glasses, ties his salt-and-pepper hair back into a tiny ponytail, a most un-Alabama-like fashion statement. Welch is wiry and raspy-voiced—the result, he says, of talking too much. The two work out of the Southern Poverty Law Center's modern offices in downtown Montgomery. On any given day, busloads of schoolchildren congregate around the law center's granite memorial, dedicated to civil-rights activists killed between 1955 and 1968; the last entry is for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Inside the building, banker's boxes filled with files on the COTC are piling up. Roy and Welch are keeping a close eye on the Church of the Creator. The law center, known for its novel civil court challenges against white supremacists, announced in August that it is investigating the COTC to determine whether there is a case to be made for a federal lawsuit against the group.

Klanwatch and the law center keep tabs on hate groups like the COTC with the hope of one day putting them out of business. In recent years, the center has had some success with an inventive legal strategy. They go after the hate theorists for the violent acts of the followers. Using that tactic, in 1987 the group sued, and eventually succeeded in breaking up, one of the largest Ku Klux Klan chapters in the South. In 1990, the center won a \$12.5-million judgment against Metzger and his group White Aryan Resistance in a case involving skinheads in Portland, Ore., who beat to death an Ethiopian student.

For now, the law center is mulling about its exact plans for a lawsuit against the COTC. Their investigation, Roy and Welch will tell you in typically tight-lipped copeseak, is continuing and may take as long as three years to complete. But spending the time to gather every shred of evidence is important, Roy says, because "these suits are very difficult to win."

Klanwatch's approach, however, has its detractors. Other hate-group monitors, such as

Lorr Ross of the Atlanta-based Center for Democratic Renewal, wonder aloud whether civil suits are really the best way to rid a community of haters. Metzger, for example, is still running hate hot lines, publishing a monthly paper and producing his own cable TV program, "Race and Reason," which airs in 62 markets. But with his last appeal having been denied in November, Roy says, Klanwatch intends to "press him full court," collect on the judgment and put a significant dent in his business.

Still, the investigators are well aware of the limits of lawsuits. "We file suits because it is a deterrent," Welch says. It's true, he concedes, "the fanatics we don't get." But suits are nonetheless worthwhile, because "for every one of these guys, we get five or six that quit."

Pressure on the COTC is also coming from law-enforcement agencies. The long list of COTC-related arrests has hit some of the group's VIPs. Canada's George Burdick, for example, has two court dates scheduled for next May. One concerns an attack against an anti-racist following a RAHOWA concert; the other is related to a fight he had with three Middle Eastern immigrants. In Milwaukee, a handful of the vaunted White Berets have been arrested on weapons charges. Pending court dates are having a chilling impact on individual chapters, which are often held together only by a thin leadership thread.

Klassen's suicide, too, may have hurt the COTC's chances for survival, and not just because the founder's free flow of money has dried up. McCarty's emphasis on business over zeal appears to be creating internal conflicts. Klanwatch reports, for example, that early this year disgruntled Milwaukee members were plotting against the new leader when he paid a visit north. (The plan was thwarted by the weapons arrests.) All of this is good news to Welch and Roy. "If there's one thing that we've learned," Welch says, it is that "if there's no leadership—and in this field McCarty is untested—it will kill the movement. Leadership is everything."

Still, few are content to wait and see whether the Church of the Creator will self-destruct.

The case for vigilance against hate mongers like the COTC was made clear by the law-center founder, Morris Dees, in an op-ed piece in *Time* for the New York Times. "Until recently, skinhead violence was random and impulsive, mostly street crime targeting the nearest minority person. But their international counterparts have waged terrorist campaigns against immigrants and other minorities for two years," wrote Dees, in a reference to widespread neo-Nazi violence in reunified Germany. "It may only be a matter of time before another race war scheme is hatched by American white supremacists."

NO MATTER WHAT'S DONE in an effort to stop racist organizations—whether it's community pressure, jail time or civil suits—the ideas promulgated by groups such as the Church of the Creator never go away. McCarty is banking on that fact.

The businessman says he isn't worried about rumors that unhappy church members would like to see him ousted. He has seen to it that his friends have been elected to the COTC's board of directors and says he can't be overthrown because he heads the corporation. He also says he is security conscious but has found that "the best defense is no defense at all."

From McCarty's perspective, time is on his side. More white Americans are becoming interested in his group, he says, because of the country's flagging economy, increasing crime and concern over immigration. When times are tough, minorities are often blamed for society's ills. The COTC welcomes disenfranchised whites with open arms.

As a true believer in the wonders of the marketplace, if nothing else, McCarty says he sees a future in capitalizing on Klassen's death. "You know, most religions don't get off the ground until their founder dies," he says. "That's been when they really take off. I see the COTC as a religion that's not quite there yet. It needs a soul. But a lot of times a founder of a religion leaves an open window when they die. You can make mythical heroes out of them when they're gone."

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WITH MCCARTY CARRYING A TAN BREECH-
case and wearing a heavy blazer, standard
white shirt, pressed trousers and a vibrant
red tie with a full-body pattern—a sudden
size small, no doubt, in the small Gulf
Coast town of Niceville, Fla. McCarthy is
driving in a neighborhood mostly new for
him from his suburban West Coast home. In keeping
with the remote theme, the restaurant's
walls are adorned with folk art.

McCarthy alternately rants at a table
smothered in ranch dressing and re-
sponds to questions about his latest book-
man venture. A large man with a broad
nose, intense concentration, jittery
and prone to nervous stomach cramps, he
will soon take to the stage to deliver his
speeches. He speaks with a "speaking
voice," a "speaking" voice, "speaking" and
the "speaking" voice, he says.

McCarthy, a former Western Union
operator, dressed in a self-described rep-
ublican, claims no love to democracy in
philosophy. From an East Coast university
he refused to enroll. However, his October
day he speaks with confidence speaking
in a jargon of a continuing god.

What he's selling, McCarthy says, is
"The Creator-Cook. As for a product, it's
[N]o, I." But the product is nowhere
near as innocuous as a soft drink.

McCarthy is the proud father of per-
sona. He is the current leader of the white
supremacist Church of the Creator, "the
only racist religion known to mankind
right now," as the businessman is now to
know, McCarthy's official title is President

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Maximus (Latin for "high priest"), although in keeping with his preference for corporate culture, he favors the lower-keyed title of executive director, because, he says, it makes "the whole thing a bit more acceptable and recognizable."

The COTC espouses a race-based religion known as Creativity, which worships nature—not a higher God—and is "dedicated to the survival, expansion and advancement of the White Race." It is virulently anti-Semitic, racist and, unlike most white supremacist groups, anti-Christian as well.

The group has a striking emblem: a red crown, a white halo and a large black W. When asked what it signifies, McCarty fumbles through a highlighted notebook for the answer, mumbling: "I've got it all written down, I'm tired and my mind's not working." (The crown, it turns out, stands for the COTC's "kingly position." The halo indicates that the white race is "sacred above all others." And the large W? It represents the white race, of course.)

Church of the Creator dogma, as outlined in such books as "The White Man's Bible," written in 1981 by COTC founder Ben Klassen, dictates that a racial holy war, or RAHOWA in COTC parlance, must ensue to rid the world of "parasitical Jews" and the so-called "mud races" (people of color). A "Jewish conspiracy," according to the COTC, controls the federal government, international banking and the media.

McCarty took over the COTC last January and readily concedes that his mission is to make it profitable. Asked if anything is unique about running a business that preaches hatred of Jews and other minorities, he responds: "It's all the same thing. It doesn't really matter. It's just a different commodity. We've had people say that a religion is not a business, but I don't know any that aren't."

Long a bit player in the already marginal world of white supremacists, the Church of the Creator has recruited heavily since the late '80s—and with some success. McCarty brags of a following in the thousands, including members in all 50 states and 37 countries, with strong chapters in Germany, South Africa and Sweden. And he says the COTC prints between 20,000 and 40,000 copies a month of Racial Loyalty, its tabloid.

White-supremacist watchdogs say McCarty's numbers are inflated; they estimate the church's following in the hundreds instead of thousands. But the COTC has been especially successful in reaching the most active, impressionable and violent disciples of the hate movement today: young, racist skinheads. In recent years, more than 30 COTC skinhead chapters have popped up in states such as New York, California and Wisconsin.

Numbers, however, don't tell the whole story. Indeed, the group's real strength may lie not in signing up supporters but in the particular power of its message. "They're dangerous in that they influence young kids," explains Danny Welch, director of Klanwatch, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. "The No. 1 reason why we go after the COTC," he adds, "is because they instill violence in people through their rhetoric." The COTC membership is so violent that the group has leapfrogged to the top of the list of organizations that Klanwatch tracks—superseding the Ku Klux Klan in the South, the California-based White Aryan Resistance and the Aryan Nations, headquartered in Idaho.

The most obvious sign of the group's higher profile is the growing list of criminal acts committed by its followers. The group has a national prison-based "brotherhood" of about 180, many of whom are doing time for racially motivated crimes, according to Klanwatch. COTC members have been linked to terrorist conspiracies and violence—including murder—against minorities both in the United States and abroad.

Last July, a Florida jury convicted George Loeb, a COTC minister, of murdering Harold Mansfield, an African American who had served in the Persian

Gulf War. Loeb, who does not hide his hatred for blacks, shot Mansfield after a parking-lot altercation. And at least five of the COTC's Canadian members have been arrested on charges ranging from kidnapping to assault for crimes against immigrants, anti-racists and rival white supremacists.

In July of this year, one of three skinheads suspected of firebombing the NAACP office in Tacoma, Wash., confessed that he was a COTC minister, or area organizer. The heavily armed trio planned to carry out a string of attacks on Jewish buildings and black rap stars. Also in July, two Orange County residents associated with the COTC—Jeremy von Rineman, 22, and his then-girlfriend Jill Marie Scarborough—were arrested on weapon charges in conjunction with a federal undercover sting. As part of the operation, Joe Allen, working on behalf of the FBI, had infiltrated the Church of the Creator.

Ironically, the COTC's emergence as a big-league player in global racist circles coincides with potentially self-destructive growing pains. The group has been embroiled in leadership struggles and faces financial uncertainty as well as the mounting scrutiny of federal law-enforcement officials and hate-group watchdogs.

Just who are the followers that worship at the Church of the Creator and why are they preparing for a racial holy war? And does the COTC have the staying power of veteran racist groups like the Klan and White Aryan Resistance? Or will the world's only white-power religion become a victim of its own success?

JEREMIAH (JEREMY) KNESAL OF AUBURN, Wash., has a long juvenile record with a racist bent. Knesal, 19 and awaiting sentencing in a Northern California prison, is a recent COTC convert who took its prophecy of a racial holy war very much to heart. In fact, he tried to start one. But after his side trip to a J.C. Penney store in a failed attempt to steal jeans, T-shirts and underwear, the race war that was just beginning was all over.

It was a summer day in Salinas, a small farm community south of San Francisco, and Knesal got busted for shoplifting. A routine police search of Knesal's car turned that dime-a-dozen arrest into a large-scale investigation involving the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Inside his 1987 green Volvo were three metal pipe bombs, four loaded rifles, ammunition, racist literature, military-style clothing and wigs. The car also contained a certificate from the Church of the Creator: Knesal was "a member in good standing."

It didn't take long for Knesal to spill the beans. He told an FBI agent, who says Knesal was "very proud" to be a COTC reverend and state director, that he had bombed the NAACP building in Tacoma a week earlier. He also admitted targeting a Seattle gay bar, according to FBI Agent John Zent, where an explosion had occurred a few days later. (No one was hurt in either blast.) Court documents reveal that Knesal, along with two other white supremacists not connected to the COTC, intended to start a race war in a battleground ranging from Oregon to the U.S.-Canadian border. The trio planned to murder black rap artists Ice-T and Ice Cube and to bomb synagogues and military installations.

Knesal snitched on Wayne Wooten, 18, also of Auburn, who along with Jeremy was arrested on explosives and firearms charges in Salinas (they have not yet been charged in the Washington crimes), and he implicated a third man—the alleged ringleader, ex-convict Mark Kowalski, 24, who was later picked up in Seattle. In October, Kowalski pleaded guilty to the Tacoma NAACP bombing. On Dec. 1, Wooten pleaded guilty to one felony count and Knesal to four counts. Knesal faces a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison and more than \$1 million in fines.

When he was arrested, Knesal perfectly fit the profile of a recent COTC recruit. He favored the skinhead look: shaved head, Doc Martens boots and racist tattoos, which, according to Zent, "cover his body from the neck on down to his ankles and out to his wrists." He was affiliated with more than one racist group,



The late Ben Klassen in front of the Church of the Creator house of worship he built in 1982 in Otto, N.C. Below, a COTC poster.



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and he was kicked out of two high schools for distributing hate literature.

A worthy warrior in the race war, Knesal is also a confused and troubled teen. He has a prior conviction for malicious harassment of a Latino. But his father, Gordon Knesal, describes him as a "great kid" who always treated Gordon's fiancée, Adriana Pittaluga, a Latina, with kindness and respect. "He listened to her more than he would listen to me," says the elder Knesal, a Seattle resident. "I adore the kid," chimes in Pittaluga, who has two children of her own. "When I talk with him [from prison] he tells me he misses me and the kids so much and he doesn't stop crying." Knesal had other good—and close—relationships with minorities: his mother remarried an African American man with whom Jeremy went fishing and hunting. One of his best friends was another African American who taught him how to be a cowboy.

Gordon Knesal, who got custody of his son Jeremy at age 2, has searched for a reason for his child's behavior. He says the only motivation the teen-ager might have for hating people of color was that he was beaten up by several black men while skateboarding a few years ago. But Jeremy's racist inclinations were not tolerated at home, says his father, who reprimanded him on several occasions. "I tried everything," says Gordon, his voice sounding both weary and sad, "I couldn't get through."

The COTC is especially attractive to young people like Knesal, experts say, because the group's dogma offers a reason for their failures. "We see a lot of kids in schools hurting, people can't get jobs, they're worried about crime, unlimited numbers of immigrants, this gives cause to a lot of people," says Klanwatch's Welch. "And someone is listening, I think white Americans do feel left out."

Today's racist organizations are often less structured and more decentralized than traditional hate groups. Now, the elder statesmen of hate provide a basic framework of beliefs for a younger generation of racists, who are being encouraged to start a worldwide white revolution on their own. Jeremy Knesal may have felt like a mover and shaker within the COTC, but he had only been a member for about two months and he was unknown to McCarty before he acted on the church's gospel.

Welcoming the young has proved to be a savvy strategy of the COTC. "It's hard to get a lot of old-line Klansmen to hand out newspapers, but you can get together four or five skinheads, and they'll put out 2,000 pieces of literature in a neighborhood," says Klanwatch chief investigator Joe Roy. Teen-agers are also effective at fulfilling racism's ultimate goals. As COTC founder Ben Klassen wrote in 1988, the movement wants to get "rid of" Jews and nonwhite races through "murder, treachery, lying, deceit, mass killing, whatever it takes to win." Unlike seasoned hatemongers, skinheads are impatient for change. "Kids get frustrated, they don't want to wait; they are hands-on people," Roy says.

The COTC's largest "hands on" youth followings have been in Milwaukee and Toronto. At its peak last year, the Milwaukee chapter had about 80 active members and an aggressive leader, Mark Wilson (also known as Rev. Brandon O'Rourke—many COTC devotees use pseudonyms in an attempt to foil police). Several of Wilson's followers are White Berets, members of the COTC's security forces. According to McCarty, the White Berets are an "elite unit" who "protect [COTC] members and their property from harm." Asked whether the White Berets are armed, he laughs and responds: "In ways." The COTC contingent in Milwaukee has run a "white survivor hotline" and hosted overseas supporters at paramilitary training courses that feature pictures of blacks and Jews as targets, according to a British informant. Hate-group monitors also suspect that the chapter runs guns from Wisconsin across the Canadian border.

The Canadian group, about 100 strong, is led by George Burdi, who calls himself the Rev. Eric Hawthorne, a 23-year-old bodybuilder and college dropout with a penchant for quoting Nietzsche. In a telephone interview, Burdi says concern over immigration, multiculturalism, unemployment and the environment are all strong drawing cards. "There's a tremendous amount of support" for the COTC message, says Burdi, adding that he's looking for "a higher quality of person that's talented, educated, middle- and upper-class who [is] as concerned about what's going on as we are."

The spirit of COTC youth is apparent in the music of Canada's RAHOWA (rhymes with *aloha*) rock band. Burdi, its lead singer, believes that his music is powerful propaganda for the '90s. The popular group's recordings are released on his Resistance Record label, which sells "pure racist rock." (To dodge Canada's strict anti-hate laws, the mail-order company is based in Detroit.) In an interview for a recent MTV special on hate rock, Burdi said that

music is "the best way to reach youth... [with]... our political ideas." On the program, Burdi is seen introducing bands at a Toronto club packed with over-amped skinheads bouncing off one another. When RAHOWA's turn comes, he begins to belt out a song over the din of the raucous crowd. It has a familiar tune. To a reworked version of the 1960s Nancy Sinatra hit, "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'." Burdi shouts:

*These boots are made for stompin',
And that's just what they'll do.
One of these days these boots are gonna
Stamp all over Jew.*

TO LEARN ABOUT THE ROOTS OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, ONE HAS to travel to western North Carolina, to the tiny rural town of Otto, just shy of the Georgia border. It's a pretty place, dotted with wildflowers and surrounded by rolling hills. The community, too small to be incorporated as a city, consists of a couple of gas stations, a few craft shops, a home-style restaurant, post office, flea market and country music hall.

For more than a decade, it was also the home of Ben Klassen, founder and driving force behind the Church of the Creator. Klassen, who first registered the COTC in 1973 in Lighthouse Point, Fla., moved to Otto permanently in 1982. There, on his 22-acre property, he built a house of worship, an oddly shaped three-story church, complete with the COTC's white-power insignia. He also built a small warehouse, for stockpiling the group's extensive array of publications, and a little-used school for gifted (white) boys.

According to townsfolk, Klassen was intelligent, philosophical and quiet, a polite man who kept to himself. He lived with his wife and daughter in a large but simple A-frame home overlooking his church, in a secluded sub-development whose entrance bears the sign: PRIVATE ROAD, PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY, NO TRESPASSING.

But if Klassen wasn't active in Otto, his ideas were well known around town. "I got along with Ben just fine. Now,

I sure didn't get along with his beliefs, but I figured he had a right to them," says J. J. Ayers, a Klassen neighbor just back from Sunday service at the local Baptist church. "He'd get all stirred up about the n-----s and the Jews—he hated them. And he made that pretty clear," adds the 79-year-old farmer. The community left him to his own devices. As one longtime resident of this dry Bible Belt county explained: "Our pastor told us just to sit still and not do anything and let God take care of it."

Ben Klassen was born in Ukraine to German-speaking Mennonite parents. His family, described in his books as "early victims of Jewish Communism," lived briefly in Mexico and then moved to Canada, where he earned a degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor of arts. In 1945, Klassen settled in the United States and became a citizen three years later. He had a varied career: He was a farmer, a schoolteacher, a nickel miner, an engineer, a realtor and a Republican state assemblyman in Florida for a short time. Klassen was also the inventor of one of the first electric can openers and, in later life, an accomplished oil painter. (Speculation over where Klassen's money was made—he admitted pouring a small fortune into the COTC—is divided between the can opener and real estate.) But Klassen's greatest achievement, he believed, was creating a religion for the white race, a group he dubbed "Nature's Finest."

Disillusioned by the ultraconservative John Birch Society, to which he belonged during the 1960s, and fed up with party politics after working on the 1968 presidential campaign of George Wallace's American Independent Party, Klassen developed his own ideology. In 1938, when he was 20, he had borrowed "Mein Kampf" from the library. "The book... was to influence my life more than any other," he wrote later. It took another 30 years, but it was at this young age that "the vague outlines" for his "full-fledged racial religion for the White Volk" began to take shape. That religion would become Creativity: a creed that maintains that one's race is one's religion.

"It is hard to tell at this point in history whether the n-----s, or the Mexicans, or the Cubans, or the Haitians are the biggest threat to the White Race in America," wrote Klassen in a July, 1990, issue of *Racial Loyalty*. "The point is they all are, as are the... other mud races who are starving in their own countries and want to get on the backs of the White Man's generous subsidy."

Klassen was not, by most accounts, a charismatic leader. In public appearances, he favored a bolo tie with the COTC's emblem and a painted-on Hitler-style mustache. But he was a prolific writer: During his 20 years as head of the

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COTC, he pumped out racist propaganda at a prodigious rate—more than 15 books, including the organization's three sacred texts: "The White Man's Bible," "Nature's Eternal Religion" and "Salubrious Living," a guide to healthy habits for white warriors that he co-authored. Klassen also wrote many of the diatribes in *Racial Loyalty*, signing off with "For a Whiter and Brighter World, Creatively Yours."

Though Klassen didn't know it at the time, his writings would later position the COTC as a front-runner in the new world order of racism. Some of his books are considered classics in today's white-power movement, and *Racial Loyalty* is regarded as "good" hate literature both in the United States and abroad, where such publications are hard to come by; in Germany and Canada, for example, it is illegal. The paper has features like "Cupid's Corner," a matchmaking service for finding the right—white—mate: "White Men and Women, be fruitful and multiply! This planet is all ours!"

Although Klassen claimed that his creation was a religion, he had mixed success convincing government officials of that notion. In 1982, when he built his church in Otto, the organization was granted tax exemption "as a bona fide nonprofit religious organization" from the North Carolina Department of Revenue—a "fact" Klassen cited repeatedly. What Klassen failed to make public, however, was that the state's approval was contingent on a federal government ruling, and the IRS has no record of an exemption.

But for about seven years, Klassen's Otto property did enjoy tax-exempt status, until Richard Lightner became the Macon County assessor. In 1987, Lightner started an investigation, which concluded in 1989 that the Church of the Creator was not, in fact, a church at all. "This is not a religion; this is a social, political organization," says Lightner, who noted that the church grounds were not kept up, that there was no public notice of meetings and that the COTC was a membership organization.

In a battle that dragged on for four years, the county finally succeeded in revoking Klas-

sen's tax-exempt property status in November, 1991. Klassen had invoked freedom of speech and religion in his opposition to the inquiry. "We contend that the persecution of our religion, Creativity, and our church, the Church of the Creator, is nothing more, nor is it anything less, than a malevolent, malicious witch hunt, an Inquisition reminiscent of the Dark Ages," Klassen wrote in 1990. In an anticlimactic ending, he failed to appear in court.

Lightner says it was not moral outrage that motivated him to pursue the matter. It was his compulsion to follow the tax codes to the letter. The county spent about \$15,000 on the case; for the years that Klassen never paid taxes, it lost \$20,000 to \$30,000 in revenue. From Lightner's perspective, the battle was worth it. "It's not right for legitimate churches, who help the community, to be rated the same as this type of organization," he says matter-of-factly.

At the same time the COTC was losing in court, it was winning on the streets. Klassen was beginning to strike a chord with racist skinheads. Many skinheads allied themselves with longtime racist Tom Metzger and his Fullbrook-based White Aryan Resistance, but they were growing disillusioned. In the late '80s, Metzger was embroiled in a lawsuit that revealed he had spent their contributions on such personal items as a hairpiece. They were attracted to Klassen's philosophy and his emphasis on physical training for the race war. In "On the Brink of a Bloody Racial War," published this year, Klassen intones "the younger generation" to "pursue our goal with a militancy, energy and dedication that will drive our congenital enemies into oblivion."

Klassen was also looking for a worthy successor. Tom Metzger says Klassen repeatedly courted him to take the reins, but he declined because "there were some problems. It's a church to start with, and I wouldn't want to be allied with a church." Klassen then made several missteps in choosing the next Pontifex Maximus. First, there was the announcement that Rudy (Butch) Stanko, a Colorado-based felon, had been chosen. Stanko, who

had been convicted of selling tainted meat to schools, wanted to relocate the COTC to the Rocky Mountains, but Klassen opposed the move. So Stanko declined the offer. Then there was discussion in May last year that COTC Rev. Charles Altvater, a Baltimore pizza-delivery man, would take over. But Klassen again changed his mind. That decision proved perhaps a wise one: Six months later, Altvater landed in jail for attempting to bomb a police officer's home.

In June last year, the COTC did move—briefly—to Milwaukee and was led by Mark Wilson. Wilson, who served as Pontifex Maximus for about six months, was likely rewarded for his efforts in recruiting dozens of newcomers to the COTC. But Klassen, who was supposed to have retired upon Wilson's appointment, was still calling the shots. For reasons that remain unclear, Klassen apparently became disillusioned with Wilson, and the 25-year-old did not last long as the COTC high priest.

Then, out of the blue this January, Klassen selected an unknown: Rick McCarty. McCarty says he learned about the COTC from watching "Genulo" and was intrigued. "I'd never heard of the Church of the Creator," recalls McCarty, who says he "wasn't really into" racism at that time. "But I've always been interested in religions, and with my background in psychology, I thought, hey, isn't that perfect?"

On his way back from a business trip to Charlotte last October, McCarty called on Klassen. The by-then beleaguered leader lamented his inability to find a replacement, and McCarty says he cheered up Klassen with his ideas for ensuring the group's economic security. Not long after that, McCarty got the nod.

Along with the COTC's problems, Klassen faced personal difficulties in 1992. His wife of many decades died after a long battle with cancer. In July, he sold most of his compound, including the church and school, to a former leader of the American Nazi Party. Although the Otto headquarters had never been a hive of activity, he firmly believed he had "succeeded in

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juicy orchestration of flavors and texture. Potato-basil cannelloni, starchy as it sounds, actually works with its accompanying sautéed scallops and garnish of fried basil. But the shredded-duck-and-white-bean salad features half-cooked white beans garnished with soggy spinach leaves. This is a dish that should never have left the kitchen.

Things definitely begin to look up with the main courses, such as a serious carnivore's plate of rare roast beef and a wonderfully appealing special of salmon encrusted with finely chopped mushrooms. Grilled Italian sausage on a bed of polenta makes a satisfying rustic supper. Slices of pork tenderloin are arranged atop homey mashed potatoes. But when every other dish sports the layered look, it quickly becomes overworked. Breaded veal on top of pale fettuccine is a good example. A few bites, and your plate looks much the way it did when your mother cut up your food for you.

Chicken pot pie, always a favorite of mine, looks cute with its browned pillow of puff pastry. The big chunks of chicken are moist, the vegetables *al dente*, but alas, everything is cloaked in a pasty sauce that had dried up in the oven. Back to the drafting board with that one.

The star of the dessert menu is the dark caramelized *tarte latin* made with fat wedges of apple. Both the lemon tart, with a glassy crust of caramelized sugar on top, and the warm bread pudding, studded with pears and served with a little pitcher of nutmeg-scented cream, run a close second.

This is a restaurant just out of the starting gate, so the menu has its hits and many more misses. If the kitchen can work out the glitches and stick up to the concept that works so well at Joe's, Reed's might put this mail back on the culinary map.

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Try the 1991 Thomas Hsi Chardonnay, \$33, the enticing 1992 Viognier from Alban, \$45, or the 1991 Zinfandel from Franas, \$24, and it's an education. The staff helps with tips on what goes with which foods, and service is excellent.

Intriguing offerings include 1990 Gunderloch Sylvaner, \$15, and 1991 Bourgogne Passetoutgrains from Meo Camuzet, \$26. The best wine to match with a variety of foods is 1989 Handley Brut Rosé sparkling wine, \$29.

—Dan Berger

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spreading... our creed and program to most of the racially conscious groups all over the world and our creed is now well known," as he wrote upon his retirement.

During this past summer, the 75-year-old Klassen began work on his final project. He had registered a part of his remaining land for a burial plot and was seen clearing it. He went into town to arrange for his gravestone, and on his property he burned shredded documents and took other files to a bonfire. On Aug. 7, Klassen quietly committed suicide. His daughter, who had been visiting her father, discovered that he had taken an overdose of sleeping pills. A suicide note—*an* nude public—referred to a chapter in "The White Man's Bible." In the book, Klassen wrote: "Suicide [is] not dishonorable. Like the ancient Romans we believe that under certain circumstances suicide is an honorable way to die, rather than

live on in shame, humiliation or captivity."

Speculation surrounding his suicide has swelled in recent months. Some say Klassen feared a lawsuit because of the wave of violent crimes by COTC members. Others say he was despondent over his wife's death. Still others contend that it was a simple matter of his life's work being done.

Klassen would no doubt be pleased that his meticulous planning has resulted in an impressive memorial. On a fall day in Ottu, his former property—a little shabby from neglect—is ringed by the red, burnt oranges and golden hues that mark the changing of the seasons. Tucked between the church and Klassen's home is a thin strip of grass—freely mowed—that leads to his grave. A large, gray tombstone bears the Church of the Creator's insignia, and beneath two carved roses bracketing Klassen's name, and the years 1918-1993, is the inscription: HE GAVE THE WHITE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD A POWERFUL RACIAL RELIGION OF THEIR OWN.

IN A MARCH APPEARANCE on a "Sally Jessy Raphael" show about white-collar racism, Dr. Rick McCarty, as he prefers to be known, had a hard time getting a word in between a teacher and an attorney. Still, he made a valiant effort to espouse the COTC's point of view. "It's time that the white race thinks about themselves, mobilizes, promotes their own interests," he said. "We don't care about the colored races. We just want to get rid of them." McCarty says he seizes every opportunity to appear on talk-shows, but only if he is paid for his time. "There's got to be something in it for us," he says bluntly.

McCarty runs the COTC out of a small office in Niceville, Fla., an unlikely name for a town that's world headquarters of a white-power organization. Born in Germany while his father was stationed in the Army there, he says he went to high school in Niceville, near the military town of Pensacola. McCarty also says he is divorced and childless, but he is actually separated from his third wife and has three children, according to sources

who requested anonymity. Before his recent return to Niceville, McCarty lived in Birmingham, Ala., where a lawsuit, later dismissed, accused him of fraud. He says he earns a living now by operating his own management-consultant businesses and by conducting group-therapy sessions. But one source says his statements should be taken with a grain of salt. He's "sneaky; he wouldn't really tell you where he worked or what he did."

Most locals didn't know that McCarty had moved the COTC to Niceville until July, when he was arrested on a drunk-driving charge following a COTC bash and after the organization made national news following the federal bust of Los Angeles skinheads. The COTC has no place of worship in Niceville, but there are two large warehouses that hold thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise—books, T-shirts, stickers and other paraphernalia that the COTC sells. A small core of White Berets handles security and helps with COTC mailings, McCarty says.

It's clear that during his short tenure McCarty has tried to bring some structure to a loose-knit organization. He is checking COTC records, making sure members have paid their \$30 "donation" and a \$25 annual subscription to *Racial Loyalty*. "Twenty years ago as a small religious movement just starting out we had more money coming in then [sic] going out. Today we have become so huge that our outgoing postage alone, would feed [sic] a small country," reads a letter from McCarty to COTC members, asking them to pay their fair share. Without Klassen's money, he says, the group is losing about \$4,000 a month. McCarty claims to draw no salary and adds that the COTC "brings in" only about \$24,000 a year.

In the course of a more than two-hour interview, it becomes apparent that this Pontifex Maximus is far from being a fire-breathing racist. At one point, McCarty confesses he doesn't have "a good, solid answer" for why he even leads the organization. "Since I'm the head of the group, I take the party line, so I would consider myself a racist," says McCarty unconvincingly. His low-key attitude, he says, stems

from the fact that he is "kind of insulated" from the white-supremacist world of many of the COTC's members. "Most of the people I deal with on a day-to-day level," he says, "we think more in terms of where we're going to grill, what restaurant we get to eat at, whose boat is working, things like that."

McCarty concedes that there is "probably a lot of violence" within the group, that many of its members own guns and other weapons and that some could be dangerous. "They're not a majority," he says. And, "They have their times when they're nice to have around, of course." Pressed on whether the COTC's rhetoric encourages violence among the young, McCarty replies with a laugh: "Saying yes to a question like that would probably get you sued later on. So I'd have to answer no to that."

McCarty's main motivation seems to be to turn the COTC into a thriving venture. He understands the importance of continuing Klassen's propaganda push. Of *Racial Loyalty*, he says: "The publication is really key. That's really what keeps us alive." But he also wants to expand it. He sees a way to swell the COTC's membership by targeting an upper-income audience with a toned-down version of the paper.

McCarty has trademarked the COTC's name, emblem and rallying cry, RAHOWA. He calls the COTC's symbols powerful marketing tools that must be protected. Recently, he cottoned onto a lucrative new money-maker. "I did some tape cassettes. Basically, all I did was take a chapter out of Klassen's books and read it on the tape and sold it for 10 bucks," he says triumphantly. "Kids love that stuff."

And McCarty believes in the marketing credo that there is no such thing as bad PR. As was the case in July when former COTC member Von Rinenman, the 22-year-old from Fullerton, was arrested with his girlfriend for illegally selling a shotgun. The investigation that nabbed them also uncovered a separate skinhead plot to kill Rodney King and to bomb the First African Methodist Episcopal Church. To McCarty, the attention was a real coup. He even claims to

he unconcerned that he asked Joe Allen, considered a 'far recruiter but actually an 'BI infiltrator in the operation.

"What happened in Los Angeles is the best thing that could have happened to us," McCarthy says. "We got a million dollars' worth of advertising for free. I thought it was excellent."

This relative newcomer to the racist movement has already found a role model. He admires the financial achievements of White Aryan Resistance's Metzger and hopes to emulate it. "I personally think Metzger runs probably the most successful racial organization in the world," McCarthy says. "He probably tops it off somewhere around 150 thou a year, which is really about what you need to run one of these things." Metzger reserves kind, cautious words for his new colleague. McCarthy "is well meaning and may pull it off," Metzger says. "Time will tell if he's the man for the job."

OF ROY AND DANNY Welch, Klanwatch investigators, are two former Mont-

gomery, Ala., cops who dress in the same casual manner—jeans and sneakers—and answer questions in an almost identical way. Roy, who wears small round glasses, ties his salt-and-pepper hair back into a tiny ponytail, a most un-Alabama-like fashion statement. Welch is wiry and raspy-voiced—the result, he says, of talking too much. The two work out of the Southern Poverty Law Center's modern offices in downtown Montgomery. On any given day, busloads of schoolchildren congregate around the law center's granite memorial, dedicated to civil-rights activists killed between 1955 and 1968; the last entry is for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Inside the building, banker's boxes filled with files on the COTC are piling up. Roy and Welch are keeping a close eye on the Church of the Creator. The law center, known for its novel civil court challenges against white supremacists, announced in August that it is investigating the COTC to determine whether there is a case to be made for a federal lawsuit against the group.

Klanwatch and the law center keep tabs on hate groups like the COTC with the hope of one day putting them out of business. In recent years, the center has had some success with an inventive legal strategy. They go after the hate theorists for the violent acts of the followers. Using that tactic, in 1987 the group sued, and eventually succeeded in breaking up, one of the largest Ku Klux Klan chapters in the South. In 1990, the center won a \$12.5-million judgment against Metzger and his group White Aryan Resistance in a case involving skinheads in Portland, Ore., who beat to death an Ethiopian student.

For now, the law center is mum about its exact plans for a lawsuit against the COTC. Their investigation, Roy and Welch will tell you in typically tight-lipped coppeak, is continuing and may take as long as three years to complete. But spending the time to gather every shred of evidence is important, Roy says, because "these suits are very difficult to win."

Klanwatch's approach, however, has its detractors. Other hate-group monitors, such as

Loretta Ross of the Atlanta-based Center for Democratic Renewal, wonder aloud whether civil suits are really the best way to rid a community of haters. Metzger, for example, is still running hate hot lines, publishing a monthly paper and producing his own cable TV program, "Race and Reason," which airs in 62 markets. But with his last appeal having been denied in November, Roy says, Klanwatch intends to "press him full court," collect on the judgment and put a significant dent in his business.

Still, the investigators are well aware of the limits of lawsuits. "We file suits because it is a deterrent," Welch says. It's true, he concedes, "the fanatics we don't get." But suits are nonetheless worthwhile, because "for every one of these guys, we get five or six that quit."

Pressure on the COTC is also coming from law-enforcement agencies. The long list of COTC-related arrests has hit some of the group's VIPs. Canada's George Burdell, for example, has two court dates scheduled for next May. One concerns an attack against an anti-racist following a RAHO-WA concert; the other is related to a fight he had with three Middle Eastern immigrants. In Milwaukee, a handful of the vaunted White Berets have been arrested on weapons charges. Pending court dates are having a chilling impact on individual chapters, which are often held together only by a thin leadership thread.

Klassen's suicide, too, may have hurt the COTC's chances for survival, and not just because the founder's free flow of money has dried up. McCarthy's emphasis on business over zeal appears to be creating internal conflicts. Klanwatch reports, for example, that early this year disgruntled Milwaukee members were plotting against the new leader when he paid a visit north. (The plan was thwarted by the weapons arrests.) All of this is good news to Welch and Roy. "If there's one thing that we've learned," Welch says, it is that "if there's no leadership—and in this field McCarthy is untested—it will kill the movement. Leadership is everything."

Still, few are content to wait and see whether the Church of the Creator will self-destruct.

The case for vigilance against hate mongers like the COTC was made clear by the law-center founder, Morris Dees, in an op-ed piece he wrote for the New York Times. "Until recently, skinhead violence was random and impulsive, mostly street crime targeting the nearest minority person. But their international counterparts have waged terrorist campaigns against immigrants and other minorities for two years," wrote Dees, in a reference to widespread neo-Nazi violence in reunified Germany. "It may only be a matter of time before another race war scheme is hatched by American white supremacists."

NO MATTER WHAT'S DONE in an effort to stop racist organizations—whether it's community pressure, jail time or civil suits—the ideas promulgated by groups such as the Church of the Creator never go away. McCarthy is banking on that fact.

The businessman says he isn't worried about rumors that unhappy church members would like to see him ousted. He has seen to it that his friends have been elected to the COTC's board of directors and says he can't be overthrown because he heads the corporation. He also says he is security conscious but has found that "the best defense is no defense at all."

From McCarthy's perspective, time is on his side. More white Americans are becoming interested in his group, he says, because of the country's flagging economy, increasing crime and concern over immigration. When times are tough, minorities are often blamed for society's ills. The COTC welcomes disenfranchised whites with open arms.

As a true believer in the wonders of the marketplace, if nothing else, McCarthy says he sees a future in capitalizing on Klassen's death. "You know, most religions don't get off the ground until their founder dies," he says. "That's been when they really take off. I see the COTC as a religion that's not quite there yet. It needs a soul. But a lot of times a founder of a religion leaves an open window when they die. You can make mythical heroes out of them when they're gone."

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Church of the Creator In Turmoil Over Leadership Change

Founder Ben Klassen Still Manipulating COTC Behind the Scenes

■ The Church of the Creator—in turmoil for months as leader Ben Klassen scrambled to distance himself from a racial murder committed by one of his “ministers” in 1991—has taken a strange new turn in recent weeks.

In January, Klassen, who claimed to retire last June, abruptly moved COTC’s headquarters from Milwaukee, Wis. to Niceville, a small town in the Florida panhandle, and named Richard Lane McCarty, 39, an unknown in the white supremacist movement, as the new “Pontifex Maximus,” or leader of the organization.

The move has opened a deep rift between McCarty forces and the thriving Milwaukee COTC faction, headed by Klassen’s previous hand-picked successor, Mark Wilson, alias Brandon O’Rourke.

Little is known about Klassen’s reasons for withdrawing his support from Wilson and turning the group over to McCarty. But it is widely believed that his frantic search for a successor during the past year is directly tied to his fear of being held liable for the murder of a black man, Petty Officer 3rd Class Harold Mansfield, by COTC “minister” George Loeb in Jacksonville, Fla.

Since the Loeb conviction in 1992, Klassen has stepped up his retirement plans and sold, at least on paper, his COTC world headquarters in



Ben Klassen’s fiercely racist, anti-Semitic Church of the Creator is in turmoil over new leader.

Otto, N.C. as part of an effort to disentangle his personal fortune from COTC finances.

McCarty’s appointment, combined with the speed of the move from Wisconsin to Florida, indicates that the 75-year-old Klassen, far from retired, still manipulates the radical organization he founded 20 years ago.

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Appeals Court Upholds \$12.5 Million Judgment Against Metzgers

First Amendment Claims Rejected

■ The Oregon Court of Appeals upheld on April 4 the \$12.5 million civil judgment against White Aryan Resistance leaders Tom Metzger and his son John for the 1988 beating death of Ethiopian student Mulugea Straw by three Portland Skinheads.

Pointing out that even the American Civil Liberties Union had acknowledged that the

“ Among white supremacist groups operating in the United States, the Church of the Creator is in a category of its own—as fiercely anti-Christian as it is racist and anti-Semitic.

The ideology of COTC is crudely racist, but it reserves its most virulent hatred for Jews. Christianity is derided in Klassen's numerous essays and books as a collection of superstitions and timid values created by Jews to control and ultimately destroy the white race.

Unlike some hate groups, notably the Aryan Nations, COTC is not satisfied with a mere whites-only homeland in the Pacific Northwest. "This planet," Klassen has written, "is all ours."

A black and white photograph showing a young boy in profile, wearing a striped shirt. He is looking at a framed portrait of a man with a beard and mustache, which is mounted on a wall. The boy's hand is near his head, and the portrait is in the upper right corner of the frame.

HONK IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN
PONTIFEX MAXIMUS

Klassen's efforts to name a successor and retire have recently taken on a desperate quality, leading his detractors to the movement to suggest a new COTC bumper sticker, "Honk if you

Previous appointments were announced with considerable fanfare in COTC publications in an obvious attempt to create a smooth transition of power. In contrast, McCarty's appointment was sudden and unexplained.

The Intelligence Report is compiled by the Southern Poverty Law Center and is published bi-monthly. It contains information on the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, the White Citizens' Council, and other hate groups. It also contains information on the activities of the Black Panther Party, the Black Liberation Movement, and other groups. The Intelligence Report is a valuable source of information for law enforcement agencies and the public. It is available for purchase from the Southern Poverty Law Center. The Intelligence Report is a valuable source of information for law enforcement agencies and the public. It is available for purchase from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

than a year by Klassen as the Church's future leader, reportedly backed out shortly after his release from prison in December 1991.

Alluding in the Church's tabloid *Racial Loyalty* to the "Rudy Stanko fiasco," Klassen then picked COTC "reverend" Charles Altwater of Baltimore, Md. But by June 1992, Altwater, reportedly by mutual consent, was out and Wilson (O'Rourke) was in. November's *Racial Loyalty* announced, "We are back, stronger than ever and will continue to print the truth."

The issue was the first of only two *Racial Loyalty*s with a Milwaukee address. By February, COTC's headquarters were in Florida. The young, inexperienced Wilson had been Pontifex Maximus just over six months.

Unlike his predecessors, Wilson reportedly did not willingly surrender the leadership role.

Wilson loyalists may have even planned to stage a desperate last minute coup during a late January meeting with McCarty at a Milwaukee hotel. The plan was accidentally thwarted when police, unaware of the meeting, arrested three Wilson followers on concealed weapons charges in the hotel parking lot.

The Milwaukee faction, according to a law enforcement official who monitors COTC, is now "in turmoil and a total state of shock. They are still loyal to Klassen, but they believe he's senile and being exploited by McCarty."

In addition to spreading tales of Klassen's senility, Wilson and his followers have reportedly lobbied White Aryan Resistance leader Tom Metzger to take over COTC. But the former California Klansman is unlikely to find the offer attractive, particularly in view of his own legal troubles.

It is more likely that Wilson's faction will soon split from COTC, possibly

to form an alliance with Canada's Heritage Front or a faction of the Posse Comitatus, a militant anti-tax group.

DR. WHO?

Little is known about Dr. Rick McCarty, Ph.D., as Klassen refers to the new Pontifex Maximus in the March edition of *Racial Loyalty*.

Under McCarty's fledgling leadership, the paper features a new, sleeker

dropped) that he operated a telemarketing scam out of Birmingham, Ala., by claiming to sell distributorships for a major soft drink company.

With no known racist background, McCarty now heads one of the most militant groups in the white supremacist movement.

THE "SULTAN OF SODOMY"

Like most leaders in the white supremacist movement, Klassen has made enemies over the years.

Among the most tenacious of Klassen's detractors is fellow North Carolinian and neo-Nazi activist Harold Covington.

In his publications, Covington has regularly accused Klassen of being both Jewish and homosexual. The "Sultan of Sodomy" is one of Covington's less vulgar epithets for Klassen, who has denied that he is gay or Jewish in *Racial Loyalty* editorials.

Ed Novak, Illinois Grand Dragon for the Arkansas-based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has exchanged barbs with Klassen, chiefly over COTC's anti-Christian position. In a vaguely threatening letter to *Racial Loyalty* in 1989, Novak called Klassen "anti-Christ scum." An editor's note to the letter called Novak "Dicknose" and reminded him that "we know where you live, and even your Jesus has to sleep sometime."

Klassen is not without allies in the movement, among them National Alliance leader William Pierce and WAR founder Tom Metzger.

In an oddly prophetic letter to Klassen a year ago, Pierce, an enigmatic and reclusive neo-Nazi intellectual who lives in rural Pocahontas County, W.Va., wrote about "mutinous conspiracies" he had weathered in his own organization. Pierce also commiserated



COTC's publications include the tabloid *Racial Loyalty* and books containing collections of Klassen's numerous essays.

format and a Niceville address, but offers few clues about the new leader's identity or background.

The issue includes a letter from Klassen introducing McCarty and announcing his appointment, effective Jan. 25, as Pontifex Maximus and executive director of COTC. Klassen's letter said McCarty's term will end in the year 2000.

McCarty is a onetime telemarketer, who, according to Klassen's letter, has a background in business and psychology.

Court records show McCarty was arrested in 1985 on charges (later

with Klassen about the "difficult time" he was having finding a new Pontifex Maximus.

Two months later, Pierce allegedly bought Klassen's Otto, N.C. compound for \$100,000. Earlier this year, Pierce put the property back on the real estate market for nearly \$300,000.

For several years *Racial Loyalty* has carried advertisements for Pierce's widely-read racist novels, *The Turner Diaries* and *Hunter*, alongside ads for

COTC publications, T-shirts, and trinkets.

Another ally is Metzger, who regularly criticizes and mocks most white supremacist movement leaders, but has never taken on Klassen.

Ironically, COTC was the chief beneficiary of Metzger's legal woes that stemmed from the 1988 murder of an Ethiopian man by Skinheads in Portland, Ore. Metzger's popularity with neo-Nazi Skinheads nose-dived after

trial testimony revealed he had used WAR funds to pay personal expenses.

After a jury in 1990 found Metzger and his son John liable for the murder and returned a \$12.5 million judgment, COTC picked up scores of disillusioned WAR Skinheads. In some cases whole WAR chapters became COTC chapters.

The period was one of spectacular growth for COTC. Membership doubled and chapters sprang up overnight. Stanko was set to take over as Pontifex Maximus as soon as he got out of prison.

But the heyday was short-lived, lasting only from late 1990 to early 1991, and ended nearly as abruptly as it began. The murder committed by Loeb on May 17, 1991 changed everything for the Church of the Creator.

UPHEAVAL AND UNCERTAINTY

When Loeb shot Mansfield to death in a grocery store parking lot, he set in motion the upheaval and uncertainty that persist at COTC today.

Klassen is on his fourth Pontifex Maximus and his second national headquarters in less than two years. Some of the group's most energetic and radical members are threatening to bolt and Klassen's most recent heir, a nobody in the white supremacist movement, may find "Pontifex Maximus" a foolish title for a grown man. McCarty signs his letters "Executive Director."

COTC's immediate prospects are fairly easy to predict. Recruiting efforts nationwide are likely to increase as McCarty tries to offset possible membership losses and Florida's panhandle, home to few hate groups in recent years, will undoubtedly see more activity.

Long-run predictions for COTC are more difficult. Much depends on Klassen's new leader.

"At this point, an internal power struggle could cause COTC to splinter," says Klanwatch Director Danny Welch. "But if McCarty turns out to be a strong, charismatic leader like Klassen, the group could easily play an even more prominent role in the white supremacist movement." •

Identity Minister's Church and Property Seized



Peters

■ FT. COLLINS, Colo.—Authorities seized Christian Identity minister Pete Peters' bank accounts, his church and some of its possessions Feb. 26 to satisfy a more than \$10,000 fine for violating state election laws.

Since then, the flamboyant LaPorte Church of Christ "minister" has lived off and on at the church, vowing to fight to the death before surrendering the building.

Peters, 46, failed to file financial disclosure papers after buying advertisements opposing a proposed gay rights ordinance in 1988.

No date has been set to auction the property. The penalty for violating the law increases by \$10 each day the fine remains unpaid.

Despite Peters' grandstanding, law enforcement officers have given him a key to the church and allowed him to come and go freely. Peters has conducted regular services there since the property was taken over by the state.

Peters is a prominent figure in Christian Identity, a movement based on a pseudo-religion that holds that Aryans are the chosen people of God, Jews are children of Satan, and other minorities are sub-human.

Peters edits a monthly Identity newsletter, *Scriptures for America*, and sells tapes of his radio programs, video tapes, and pamphlets.

His annual Rocky Mountain Bible Retreat last October drew about 160 Identity followers from 30 states. Among those attending were longtime white supremacist Louis Beam and Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler. Plans to support jailed white supremacist Randy Weaver, whose August standoff with federal agents at his Idaho cabin left three dead, dominated the gathering.

Peters gained notoriety after it was learned that members of The Order, a violent Aryan Nations splinter group, attended services at his church in 1984. •

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COTC Draws Members With Notorious Pasts and Criminal Records

Ben Klassen's Church Actively Recruits Prisoners and Skinheads

The Church of the Creator has drawn an odd assortment of misfits—many with criminal records and notorious pasts—under its banner over the years.

Ben Klassen's religion attracts members with a poisonous propaganda that does not end with preaching the conventional white supremacist hatred for Jews and other minorities.

Klassen's church goes a step further, attacking Christianity as a Jewish hoax calculated to destroy the white race. The finished product is the ultimate white supremacist paranoia—everything from government to religion is a conspiracy.

Consider the histories of some prominent COTC members, beginning with Klassen himself.

KLASSEN

Bernard "Ben" Klassen has made a career out of being contrary. For Klassen, traditional racist ideology has never been enough.

As a young man, he dabbled in the John Birch Society, but decided it was too tame. Politics (he was once a Florida state legislator) offered no solutions. Alabama Governor George Wallace, for whom he once campaigned, was in Klassen's view, a sellout.

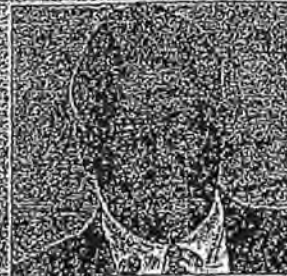
Disillusioned with traditional outlets for his frustrations, Klassen created his own religion 20 years ago with himself as its centerpiece.

Klassen's numerous essays and books show his ability as a propagandist. He is skilled at using humor and slogans to communicate the otherwise dull ideology of Creativity, savagely lampooning familiar biblical characters and stories. Christianity, he has written, is mass insanity.

The philosophy alienates many racists because much of the white supremacist movement is grounded in a warped view of Christianity. But those attracted to such a faith regard Klassen with a reverence that is almost cultlike.

Now Klassen is old. His wife of many years died last year, and the hateful empire he built with a fortune he reputedly made in the real estate market is shaky.

But a man cynical enough to invent a religion gave himself a title that dates back to the rulers of ancient Rome, quader, a personal fortune. He is now in COTC's budget and publishing his own books and essays, he is unlikely to stand by and watch a lifetime of work in the hate business evaporate.



McCarty claimed to be a psychotherapist during a recent television talk show.

MCCARTY

Richard (Dr. Rick) McCarty, 39, is an odd choice to succeed a man like Klassen.

McCarty claims to hold a doctor of philosophy degree and once ran a telemarketing operation in Birmingham, Ala. About eight years ago, he was arrested on

charges, later dropped, that he committed fraud in a business deal. On a recent television talk show, McCarty said he is now a psychotherapist.

In only a few weeks on the job at COTC, McCarty has already made enemies in the organization.

In the first *Racial Loyalty* published under his name in March, McCarty announced he held the copyright on all COTC materials, an obvious warning to the rebellious Milwaukee COTC chapter and any others that might be considering a split from the main group. He also sent a stern and barely literate letter to followers last month scolding them for not sending annual dues and subscription renewals.

Those in the group who are still loyal to the previous Pontifex Maximus, Mark Wilson, are reportedly claiming that McCarty is a shyster who is plotting to bulk a senile old man out of his remaining fortune.

But if recent COTC history is any guide, the appointment of McCarty may be no more than Klassen's latest desperate attempt to set up a puppet leader to shield him from any future legal troubles.

WILSON

Mark Wilson, 25, had a long history as a neo-Nazi Skinhead in Milwaukee before he joined COTC.

That year, he testified at the trial of a fellow Skinhead, Kenneth Botsch, who was charged with attempting to murder Wilson's teenage brother-in-law.

Botsch blamed Wilson for revealing he was Jewish. He also held Wilson responsible for a beating from three hooded assailants several weeks before the shooting. Though he claimed the shooting was a accident, Botsch was convicted. No charges were ever filed

against Wilson for the alleged assault.

Meanwhile, under Wilson's leadership, the Milwaukee COTC chapter grew rapidly, fueled by the youth and enthusiasm of Skinheads-turned-reverends.

When Klassen picked Wilson (alias Brandon O'Rourke) as the new Pontifex Maximus in June 1992, Milwaukee was home to one of COTC's largest chapters.

STANKO

Rudolph "Butch" Stanko's racist leanings were unknown until he was charged with selling tainted meat to a school lunch program in 1984.

Married and the father of two young daughters, Stanko had turned a small family business in Nebraska into a multi-million dollar meat processing operation by the time he was sent to prison.

Like many prisoners, Stanko said he was framed. Unlike many prisoners, Stanko had the money to publish his side of the story.

In a bitter volume called *The Score*, Stanko vented his paranoid rage at the system that had brought him down—a Jewish conspiracy that controlled the meat processing business.

It was just a matter of time before Stanko's anti-Semitic paranoia found a home in the rabid anti-Semitism of the Church of the Creator.

While in prison, Stanko began corresponding with Klassen. He agreed to succeed the old man as Pontifex Maximus and *Racial Loyalty* ran "Free Rev. Stanko" features in every issue for more than a year.

Released in late 1991 after serving five years, four months and four days of a six-year sentence, Stanko for reasons still unclear, declined the COTC job and returned to Nebraska.

Though Klassen later called the episode a "hasco" and implied the Nebraskan was out of favor, there is evidence Stanko never left COTC.

He wrote a letter to *Racial Loyalty* last November congratulating Wilson on his appointment as Pontifex Maximus, signing the letter COTC style as "Rev. Rudy Stanko."

Last year Stanko went to Canada on where he claimed was legitimate business. Canadian authorities dis-

agreed and permanently deported Stanko for his racist and Semitic activities.

LOEB

At 34 in 1991, George Loeb was a self-described deadbeat loner, wife beater and mean drunk.

An eager student of Klassen's many publications, Loeb apparently took COTC's racial holy war message to heart.



Loeb is escorted by deputies after his arrest for Mansfield's murder.

Personal journals introduced as evidence at his trial for Harold Mansfield's murder revealed a self-loathing surpassed only by his hatred of blacks and Jews. He wrote that white people should provoke confrontations with blacks by calling them racial slurs and then killing them in self-defense.

A month after Mansfield's murder, *Racial Loyalty* commended Loeb's Jacksonville COTC chapter for exceptional efforts in promoting Creavyn in their area. Loeb and Steve Thomas were the chapter's only members.

The day after he was convicted on July 29, 1992, Loeb attempted suicide in his jail cell. Two weeks later, he was sentenced to life in prison.

THOMAS

Like Loeb, Thomas, 35 (alias Steve Spencer, Max Yeager, and Steve Cabot) never absorbed COTC's ideology.

By the time he and Loeb joined forces in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1990, Thomas already had an infamous past chronicled in a 1989 movie about Vietnam called *Casualties of War*. The movie dealt with rape and murder of a Vietnamese woman by American soldiers in 1969, for which Thomas served 18 years in prison.



Stanko is reportedly still active in COTC despite rumors he was out of favor with Klassen.

Metzger Judgment Upheld

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After the Mansfield shooting, Thomas helped Loeb and his wife Barbara get out of town. About the time the Loeb's were arrested in New York, several weeks later, Thomas joined Klassen's inner circle. He moved to the North Carolina compound where he edited *Racial Loyalty* for the next nine months.

When Klassen named Wilson Pontifex Maximus, Thomas moved to COTC's new world headquarters in Milwaukee where he and Wilson became roommates.

Earlier this year, Thomas allegedly told a reporter that Klassen had never retired and was, in fact, running COTC through him, not Wilson. He also said Stanko was still a member of the group. Shortly after the interview, Klassen yanked COTC out of Milwaukee.

ALTVATER

Charles Edward Altvater was Klassen's second choice for Pontifex Maximus after Stanko turned the offer down in late 1991.

Altvater was 30 at the time and, according to Klassen, had been a COTC member for eight years in Baltimore, Md.

He was to take over COTC in May 1992, but it never happened. By June, Klassen changed his mind again and picked Wilson.

Last November, Altvater was charged with bombing a Baltimore County police officer's home and an unoccupied Maryland State Police cruiser. Police seized 92 quarter sticks of dynamite during a search of his house.

Altvater, still in jail on \$50,000 bond, reportedly said he did not mind being passed over for the Pontifex Maximus job. He would wait, he said, until 2010 so he could preside over the race war. Klassen has predicted it will begin that year.

Southern Poverty Law Center's major claims against the Metzgers raised no First Amendment problems, the court rejected the Metzgers' eleventh hour attempt to inject new issues into the case.

Metzger attorney Reed Lee of Chicago argued during the Dec. 16 appeal hearing that the Metzgers, who were in California at the time of the Portland killing, had not incited the Skinheads to commit murder. The jury in 1990 found that the Metzgers sent their agent to Portland to organize acts of violence against minorities, resulting in Seraw's wrongful death.



Tom Metzger

SPLC attorneys Morris Dees and Richard Cohen and Portland attorney Elden Rosenthal maintained in the appeal hearing that the First Amendment cannot be used to shield unlawful conduct.

"The Metzgers orchestrated violence," Cohen explained.

Dave Mazella testified in the civil trial that as the then 19-year-old vice-president of the Aryan Youth Movement he went to Portland to organize a Skinhead group for the Metzgers. While staying in constant contact with the Metzgers, Mazella trained the East Side White Pride Skinheads to promote WAR ideology through distribution of the Metzgers' tabloids, recruitment of new members and attacks on minorities, according to court testimony.

Mazella told the jury that he used WAR and AYM publications supplied by the Metzgers in training. One issue featured a story about white youths hunting down minorities and breaking their bones.

The 27-year-old Seraw was bludgeoned with a baseball bat and kicked with steel-toed boots by three Skinheads who left him lying on the street

with a crushed skull. Seraw was saying good-bye to two friends who gave him a ride home when the attack occurred on Nov. 12, 1988. Metzger praised the Skinheads for the killing, saying they did a "civic duty."

In the 1990 SPLC suit on behalf of the Seraw family, the jury ordered Tom Metzger to pay \$5 million, John Metzger to pay \$1 million, WAR to pay \$3 million and two of the convicted Oregon Skinheads, Kyle Brewster and Kenneth Mieske, to pay \$500,000 each. Strasser was not named in the civil suit in return for his cooperation.



John Metzger

An additional \$2.4 million in compensatory damages was awarded, making it the largest damage award ever levied in a civil lawsuit involving racial violence and the largest personal injury judgment to date in Oregon.

The Metzgers' house, business, bank accounts and other assets were seized after the verdict to help satisfy the civil judgment, with proceeds going to a Seraw estate trust. The verdict will allow Seraw's estate to collect a portion of the Metzgers' income for the next 20 years.

The Metzgers still operate a telephone hotline and publish their WAR newspaper, but they have lost influence in the white supremacist movement, said Klanwatch Chief Investigator Joe Roy. "Metzger's financial problems kept him from publishing his newspaper for almost a year, and he doesn't travel around the country making speeches the way he did before we took him to court," Roy said.

The civil trial revealed that Metzger spent much of the money that WAR followers contributed to him on personal expenses. Metzger, who had accused minorities of living off American taxpayers through government assistance programs, applied for and received welfare payments after the seizure of his assets.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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 CHURCH OF THE CREATOR,
 OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA
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Re Atlanta airtel to Charlotte, dated 11/17/86.

Enclosed for Atlanta are Articles of INCORPORATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, INC., a pamphlet entitled, "What is Creativity All About?" and a memorandum dated 6/26/85 by Special Agent [redacted] Charlotte Division, Asheville Resident Agency.

Past investigation by the Charlotte Division had determined that BERNARD "BEN" KLASSEN, white male, Date of Birth 2/20/18, P.O. Box 400, Commissioner Creek, Otto, North Carolina, is a retired real estate developer who came to N.C. about three years ago from Lighthouse Point, Florida, and began building his "Creativity" Center for the national dissemination of books, pamphlets, and brochures which advocate White Supremacy.

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KLASSEN is the President of THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, INC., Old Georgia Road, Otto, N.C., which is his "Creativity" Center. The KLASSEN complex consists of one two-story church building, a ranch style house behind the church, and another small building in front of the church. The entire complex is fenced in and a boarded fence restricts view of the structures. A warning sign is posted to the only noticeable driveway into the complex and states to the effect that permission is needed to enter upon the premises.

[redacted] the Volunteer Fire Department, Otto, N.C., advised that he believes membership in THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, INC., is less than 15 in number and that he has never noticed more than two or three cars at any one time at the KLASSEN complex. The complex has been the target of some local people on several occasions, with no serious damage to the property to date.

[redacted] Criminal Investigator, [redacted] Macon County Sheriff's Office, Franklin, N.C., advised that in 1983, [redacted] the complex, allegedly fired shots at cars that kept passing the complex. Memorandum by Special Agent [redacted] dated 6/26/85 which is enclosed, gives further details on above.

Charlotte obtained copies of the articles of INCORPORATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, INC., which are on file with the Department of the Secretary of State, Raleigh, N.C. A copy of those articles is enclosed. KLASSEN'S corporation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is "the dissemination, teaching, and promotion of the religious beliefs of the incorporators". The corporation's objective is "to bring the benefits of their religious teachings and beliefs to all the areas of the world".

The copy of the pamphlet, "What is Creativity All About?" is enclosed. In that pamphlet, KLASSEN'S creativity program is

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described as "a powerful religious creed and program established for the survival, expansion and advancement of the great White Race exclusively". The pamphlet also includes an order form through which several books written by KLASSEN could be obtained.

Newspaper articles from the "Asheville Citizen", Asheville, N.C., dated 12/17/86 and 12/18/86, described a shooting incident involving a minister and security guard at THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR. CHARLES CA MESSICK was found guilty on 12/16/86 of firing into an occupied vehicle and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon stemming from a June 14, 1986, incident at the church. MESSICK fired 19 shots into a vehicle occupied by a Georgia couple after they had stopped at 3:30 A.M., near the church. MESSICK had been sleeping in the nude on the church deck when he was awakened by voices. The couple was lost and had stopped to mix a drink when MESSICK opened fire, flattening tires, puncturing the radiator and knocking out a headlight. MESSICK said he was aiming only to disable the car so that he could hold the occupants until police officers could arrive and arrest the "trespassing" couple. MESSICK claimed he was an expert marksman and served 12 years in elite units of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Army Reserve.

KLASSEN was called as a witness during MESSICK'S trial by MESSICK, but KLASSEN refused to reveal his church membership. "My religious activities and beliefs are not subject to discussion in this court", KLASSEN said.

On December 17, 1986, MESSICK was sentenced to three years in prison for firing 19 shots into an occupied vehicle and two years on each of two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. The sentences are to run consecutively.

KLASSEN came to the attention of the Charlotte Division in June of 1985, when KLASSEN was mentioned as being present at a banquet held at an Atlanta, Georgia, hotel. The speaker at that banquet was RICHARD BUTLER, Leader, Aryan Nations (AN) Church,

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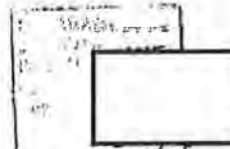
Hayden Lake, Idaho. Through investigation, detailed above, the Charlotte Division has found no indication of criminal activity on the part of KLASSEN, therefore, the Charlotte Division will not be opening a preliminary inquiry on KLASSEN or on THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR.

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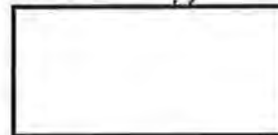
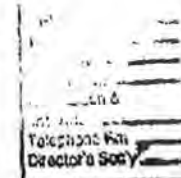
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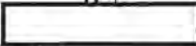
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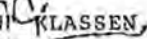
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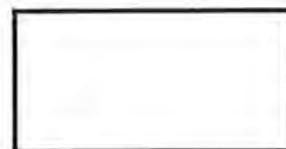
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REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND RECEIVING
OFFICES, DATED JUNE 22, 1989.

THE FILES OF THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE REVEAL THE FOLLOWING:

BENARD "BEN"  KLASSEN, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY
27, 1918, POST OFFICE 400, COMMISSIONER CREEK, OTTO, NORTH

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CAROLINA, IS A RETIRED REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER WHO MOVED TO NORTH CAROLINA IN 1982 FROM LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA, AND BEGAN BUILDING HIS "CREATIVITY CENTER" FOR THE NATIONAL DISSEMINATION OF LITERATURE ADVOCATING WHITE SUPREMACY.

KLASSEN IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, INC. (COTC), OLD GEORGIA ROAD, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH IS HIS "CREATIVITY" CENTER. THE KLASSEN COMPLEX CONSISTS OF ONE TWO-STORY CHURCH BUILDING, A RANCH-STYLE HOUSE BEHIND THE CHURCH, AND ANOTHER SMALL BUILDING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH, THE ENTIRE COMPLEX IS FENCED IN, AND A BOARDED FENCE RESTRICTS VIEW OF THE STRUCTURES. A WARNING SIGN IS POSTED TO THE ONLY NOTICEABLE DRIVEWAY INTO THE COMPLEX AND STATES TO THE EFFECT THAT PERMISSION IS NEEDED TO ENTER UPON THE PREMISES.

CHARLOTTE HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE COTC WHICH ARE ON FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA. KLASSEN'S CORPORATION IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS "THE DISSEMINATION, TEACHING, AND PROMOTION OF THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF THE INCORPORATORS." THE

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CORPORATIONS OBJECTIVE IS "TO BRING THE BENEFITS OF THEIR
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IN 1985, RELIABLE MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SOURCES
ADVISED THAT MEMBERSHIP IN COTC AT THAT TIME WAS LESS THAN
FIFTEEN IN NUMBER AND NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE CARS AT ONE
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INFORMATION IN 1985 ADVISED THAT ACTIVITY AT THE COTC WAS MINIMAL. FOUR TO FIVE VEHICLES WERE THE MOST SEEN AT ONE TIME AT THE COMPLEX. NEIGHBORS OF COTC HAVE COMPLAINED OF "SEMINARS" BEING OCCASIONALLY HELD AT COTC; HOWEVER, THIS FACT HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES. IN 1987, KLASSEN WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (SBI) BUT WOULD FURNISH NO DETAILS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OR THE NUMBER OR LOCATION OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED WITH COTC.

THE POST OFFICE, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA, HAS ADVISED THAT KLASSEN IS THEIR BEST CUSTOMER. KLASSEN SPENDS APPROXIMATELY \$2,800 PER MONTH ON FIRST-CLASS MAILINGS. THE MAILINGS CONSIST OF: APPROXIMATELY 3,600 COPIES OF KLASSEN'S COTC NEWSLETTERS; 40 TO 50 BOXES WEIGHING 20 POUNDS EACH OF KLASSEN'S PUBLISHED BOOKS (HE HAS PUBLISHED FIVE BOOKS); AND ABOUT 500 5X7 ENVELOPES OF UNKNOWN CONTENTS. THE MAJORITY OF THE MAILINGS GO TO SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE, AND TO STATE AND FEDERAL PRISONS. THE MAJORITY OF MAILINGS TO THE PRISONS ARE RETURNED UNOPENED.

IT IS THE OPINION OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT

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KLASSEN AND THE COTC DO NOT POSE A THREAT TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. IT IS ALSO THEIR OPINION THAT COTC WILL FOLD WHENEVER KLASSEN DIES.

CHARLOTTE INDICES, NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AND MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEGATIVE REGARDING INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

OLIA is requested to disseminate this Airtel to Legat London and Legat Paris.

In referenced London teletype, Legat London advised that [redacted] has an ongoing investigation into "The Church of the Creator". In connection with their investigation, [redacted] requested a check on a number of U.S. persons and organizations. These persons and organizations are not within the New York Division.

In referenced Paris teletype, Legat Paris requested that the Bureau conduct a trace on the Church of the Creator and provide the results for dissemination to [redacted].

Enclosed for receiving offices are selected pages from "Racial Loyalty", the official newspaper of The Church of the Creator.

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Also enclosed for receiving offices are selected pages from two COTC texts written by Ben Klassen, leader of the Church of The Creator, who resides in Otto, N.C. The texts are Nature's Eternal Religion and The White Man's Bible.

Captioned matter involves the Metropolitan Church of the Creator, the New York Chapter of the COTC.

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THE WHITE MAN'S BIBLE



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- ★ A POWERFUL RELIGIOUS CREED AND PROGRAM FOR THE SURVIVAL, EXPANSION AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE WHITE RACE.
- ★ OUR FOUR DIMENSIONAL PROGRAM: A SOUND MIND IN A SOUND BODY IN A SOUND SOCIETY IN A SOUND ENVIRONMENT.
- ★ THE TOTAL PROGRAM. THE FINAL SOLUTION. THE ULTIMATE CREED BASED ON THE ETERNAL LAWS OF NATURE.

By BEN KLASSEN, P.M.
Founder, Church of the Creator

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ENCLOSURE



BEN KLASSEN, P.M.

*Author of NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION
Pontifex Maximus and Founder of
The Church of the Creator*

*This book, THE WHITE MAN'S BIBLE,
is an extension and expansion of the Creed
and Program laid down in the first book
NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION*

BE SURE TO READ BOTH

FOREWORD

This, our second publication, is a companion book to our first, NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION, first published on February 21, 1973. In the first book we laid down the fundamental creed and program of our religion, CREATIVITY and thereby founded the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR. In this second book we build on the creed of the first, reinforce that creed, amplify and expand it into new dimensions.

Whereas NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION was basically concerned with race and religion as it applied to the White Race, in this, THE WHITE MAN'S BIBLE, we expand this concern to our physical health and well being, as well as the protection of our soil and environment on a worldwide basis. We believe these areas of concern are extremely important to the survival, expansion and advancement of the White Race—especially so since we consider the whole Planet Earth as the one and only home of the White Race. We can therefore say that in CREATIVITY we have a truly all-inclusive religion, a four dimensional religion based upon the philosophy of A Sound Mind in a Sound Body in a Sound Society in a Sound Environment.

THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR was founded with the publication of NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION in February of 1973. It was incorporated as a non-profit religious organization later that year and we received a charter from the State of Florida on August 16, 1973. We applied for and received a letter of Tax Exempt Status from the I.R.S. on May 30, 1974. Because of the animosity of the Jew-controlled government that status has been under attack for the last year, in violation of the First Amendment Rights under the Constitution. As we go to press we still have that tax exempt status. With your support, we mean to exercise our First Amendment rights, Jews or no Jews, at all costs. Anyone who denies us those rights is violating the Constitution and thereby themselves become arch-criminals, to be hunted down and brought to justice the same as any other common criminal.

Since publishing NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION this book has gone out all over the world and we have supporters and correspondents all the way from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa to Alaska and Hawaii. The intervening years since 1973 have been extremely productive in the response and feedback I have received from our thousands of readers, supporters and church members. To my surprise, 99% of that response has been favorable, most of it extremely enthusiastic. I now know we are on the right track and that we can build a worldwide religious movement for the survival, expansion and advancement of the White Race such as our race has never even dreamed of before. I am now convinced that in CREATIVITY we have the Total Program, the Final Solution, the Ultimate Creed. The response from our White Racial Comrades has thoroughly confirmed my conviction that in the creed and program of CREATIVITY lies the road

to the resurrection and redemption of the White Race.

From the traditions of Ancient Rome, not the Catholic Church, we have adopted the title of Pontifex Maximus as head of our church. Just as it was once the time honored title of the head of the state religion in Ancient Rome, so are we now picking up the threads of history from that grand and glorious White civilization and marching forward to new heights, leaving the Dark Ages of Christianity and superstition behind us to build a finer race, a more beautiful civilization, and a better world.

Each chapter illuminates a fundamental part of our creed and program and together they form the building blocks of our religious dogma. They thus constitute the body of our religious doctrine, and instead of calling them chapters, we have designated each as a Creative Credo with an appropriate number.

Our insignia was designed to reflect our emphasis on racial polarization. The "W" of course, stands for the great and noble White Race. The crown indicates that we are the aristocrats of Nature's creation. The halo reaffirms our vow to guard and sanctify our precious blood lines as the most sacred value on the face of the earth. Let no man stand in our way in accomplishing our goal—the survival, expansion and advancement of the White Race. This is the ultimate, the highest, the loftiest, and to us the most sacred cause in the universe.

Members of our religion are called CREATORS whether men, women or children, and the religion itself is known as CREATIVITY.

Since the English language is devoid of a suitable word that includes both men and women (except perhaps the word "person" as used by the E.R.A. libbers) I repeatedly use the term White Man as an alternate to the White Race. In so doing, I want it understood I am using this word to include equally both White Men and White Women, and that I deem White Women of at least equal importance to our race.

Many of the ideas expounded in this book are so totally unfamiliar to most of our White Racial Comrades that I have deliberately used repetition and utilized it extensively, as I did in NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION. Just as in our early school days we were repeatedly drilled first in the alphabet, then in words and spelling, in the multiplication tables as well as other key tools of learning, so too have I repeatedly hammered away from different angles at the key ideas, key issues, the natural laws that must become part of us, if the White Race is to survive. In fact, both this book and NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION should be read and reread several times until the innermost creed of this movement becomes so thoroughly ingrained it becomes a living part of each of our White Racial Comrades.

If there is one thing that sets CREATIVITY apart from all other religions it is the fact that we go directly to the Eternal Laws of Nature as the supreme authority for the formulation of all our creed and for the answers to all our questions, including our moral values. It is one of the

niggers' eyes, or any other enemies' point of view.

We must measure everything from our point of view. We must consider every issue from the White Man's point of view, and no one else's.

3. The third conclusion logically follows the second and it will be the bedrock of our religious thinking: namely: what is good for the White Race is the highest virtue; what is bad for the White Race is the ultimate sin. We have already decreed this as our Golden Rule in the first chapter, and we repeat it here.

Never Again must we be Traitor to our Own. As we proceed to build the philosophy of our religion for the survival of the White Race, let us never again look at the world through the serpent's eyes. We are not interested in the serpent's point of view. We have only one consideration: The White Man's point of view, The White Man's best interest, The White Man's welfare.

To do otherwise is playing the traitor to our own race and an affront against the Laws of Nature itself.

In the next chapter we will take a closer look at each creature's instinctive ability to recognize its natural enemy, and what has happened to that instinct in the case of the White Race.

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RECOGNIZING YOUR ENEMIES— A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH

Basics for survival. The second dumbest creature on the face of the earth is the one who cannot recognize its enemies. The most stupid of all is the one who will defend and collaborate with the very enemies that are destroying it and its own kind.

In the early 1960's, I saw a science program on television that I have never forgotten. At that time, it had not especially dawned on me that the Sermon on the Mount, advocating such advice as "love your enemies", "turn the other cheek", "resist not evil", was a real bad, suicidal message.

Nature Lesson. The program that has stuck in my mind demonstrated a flock of newly hatched baby chicks, not more than a few days old. They were contained in a circular pen, probably about 20 feet in diameter, with the walls not more than a foot in height. At the center of this circular pen, was a vertical pole probably 8 feet in height, with a horizontal arm extending out from the top of the central pole so that the arm could sweep horizontally over the pen in a rotary motion.

The first scene showed the little chicks peacefully feeding in the pen. Then a wooden bird, having the outline of a flying duck, was attached to the end of the arm. The arm with the duck on the end of it was then swung round and round over the young chicks, simulating a duck flying over their heads.

Completely unperturbed, the little chicks went on pecking at their food. When a wooden bird, with the outlines of a flying goose was substituted for the duck, the same results ensued. The little chicks couldn't care less.

Next, a wooden bird having the outlines of a hawk was similarly passed over their heads. Immediately the little chicks screamed with fright and scuttled for cover in a hutch in the center of the pen. This, despite the fact that there was not even a mother hen to warn them, or relate her experience to the little chicks.

Instinct Inborn. Inborn in those little chicks was the instinctive recognition of the hawk as its natural enemy, instinctive fear and instinctive reaction to flee and take cover. Without any training, without any conscious thought processes, even a dumb chick, a few days old, recognized a clear and present danger—the chicken hawk—even though it was only a simulated wooden outline of their enemy passing over their heads.

This lesson impressed me considerably, and although at that time I had not recognized its full significance, I never forgot it.

Natural Enemies. Since then I have noted, from other forms of

animal, bird, insect, or reptile life, that just about every creature has one or more natural enemies, and that each and every one of them instinctively can recognize them almost as if they were picking them up on radar. A newly born fawn not only instantly recognizes the presence of a mountain lion in close proximity, but also knows what to do to avoid being detected. It will, therefore, lie still and low in the grass and try to blend into the landscape. Since the fawn has no odor, it hopes it will not be detected by its predatory enemy.

Similarly, practically every other creature, through sight and sense of smell, instinctively recognizes its enemies in short order and usually knows what to do to protect itself. Failure in this tremendously important function is fatal. A ground squirrel recognizes coyotes, dogs, hawks, eagles and several other natural enemies in a flash, and will usually dive for cover into its hole in the ground. Other birds, animals, fish, etc., use camouflage, a cover, and basically, fight or flight, as some of the many ingenious ways in protecting themselves from their enemies.

White Man's Instinct Subverted. So now we come to the species with which we are most concerned—the noblest and most intelligent of all creatures—the White Race. It, too, was born with natural instincts to recognize and protect itself from its enemies. However, when we examine the history of the White Race over the last two thousand years, its record in this area is so sorry that it is absolutely shameful. If you were to ask the average White Man who his natural enemies are, he wouldn't even know what you were talking about, much less know how to protect himself.

Our Natural Enemies. And who are his natural enemies? Number one on the list is the International Jew, the whole Jewish network, the Jew as an individual. Number two is the mass of colored races, whom we shall designate simply as the mud races.

Dumb and Confused. About the dumbest creature in the world is the one that will not only refuse to defend itself against its enemies, but will rally to the defense of the very enemy that is actively engaged in a program to destroy it. As a famous doctor (about whom we will have more to say in a later chapter) said: "Alas, no fool is a bigger fool than the fool that fools himself".

The present generation of the White Race fits this description to a "T". Whereas, the Jew, for thousands of years, has waged conscious, deliberate, planned, effective warfare for the destruction and/or the mongrelization of the White Race, the present generation of the White Race has been so confused, so befuddled, so indoctrinated with bad, erroneous ideas about race and religion, that the White Man himself is the Jew's best and most effective ally in his own self-destruction.

Origin of our Confusion. How did this come about? Well, it's a long story, and that, mostly, is what this book is all about. Briefly, let me say here that when the Jew sold the ancient Romans, the epitome of the White Race of that era, on Christianity, it was then that the big

breakthrough was made. When the Jew convinced the Romans to buy the poisonous advice contained in the Sermon On The Mount, namely to "love your enemies", "turn the other cheek", "resist not evil", then the Romans became ripe for destruction.

Death of the Romans. We all know what happened to the Romans shortly after they were "converted" to Christianity. With their instincts deadened and their thinking perverted into worrying about the spooks in the sky instead of struggling for their own survival and advancement, they soon shrank into oblivion. They faded from the scene of history. They paid the penalty of allowing themselves to be mongrelized and not recognizing their eternal enemy, the Jew.

Such are the consequences of not recognizing your enemy, and, of course, you can't defend yourself against an enemy you can't, or won't, recognize.

Our Avowed Purpose. It is the purpose of the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR to again revive the healthy instincts with which Nature endowed even the White Race and to bring it back to sanity so that our people will not only recognize their enemies, but also learn to exercise their instinctive urge to overcome them. With all the remarkable attributes of intelligence, creativity, productivity with which Nature has so generously endowed the White Race, it will then have no problem promoting its own survival, expansion and advancement.

White Race must Regain Its Senses. But first, the White Race must, like all the other creatures, again learn to recognize its enemies, or it is certain that it will soon be as extinct as the dodo and the dinosaur.

Let us again make this clear: our every position is and must be from the White Man's point of view. From the White Man's point of view the Jews, the niggers, and the mud races are his eternal natural enemies. This is as basic and unalterable as the conflict between the pioneering mother and the rattlesnake.

Either Or. At this crucial stage of world history, either the White Race will survive, or the Jews and their enslaved mud races. It will be one or the other, and this, too, is a grim unalterable fact of life, whether we like it or not.

It is the supreme purpose of the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR to see to it that it will be the White Race that shall survive.

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Must also know how to defend ourselves. There is one more basic idea that I want to make abundantly clear at the outset. Looking at every issue from the White Man's point of view and clearly recognizing our enemies lays a firm basis for our philosophy, but it is not enough. We must now also know how to successfully defend ourselves from our enemies and overcome them. The key word is successfully..

White Teamwork. The answer to that problem, too, is simple and basic. The answer to it is Teamwork. We must employ Racial Teamwork.

NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION



A POWERFUL NEW RELIGIOUS CREED
DESIGNED TO PRESERVE AND
EXPAND NATURE'S FINEST.

- Based on the Eternal Laws of Nature
- Based on the Experience of History
- Based on Logic and Common Sense

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Founder, Church of the Creator



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Having moved to the United States in 1945, he became a U.S. citizen in 1948. He now resides in South Florida. His intense interest in the Laws of Nature, Race and Religion polarized into a new religion for the White Race, a task his wide and diverse background seemingly prepared him for over a lifetime.

Chapter 5. Germany, Adolf Hitler and National Socialism

In the study of the whole historical movement of the White Race struggling to free itself from under the heel of Jewish tyranny, the name of Adolph Hitler shines forth as the brightest meteor to flash through the heavens since the beginning of history. No doubt the White Race will produce even greater men in the future, but it is my considered opinion that Adolph Hitler stands head and shoulders above any other man as the greatest leader the White Race has ever produced, and as the greatest White Man that ever lived. This may sound as an overly extravagant evaluation, but if so, no man deserved it more, nor did any man come by it more honestly.

The contribution that this great White Man made towards striking a resounding blow for the cause of the White Race and accomplishing a near break-through in smashing the Jewish conspiracy will go down in history as one of the most heroic battles in the history of mankind. When we consider what little he had to start with, what little he had to work with, how tremendous were the obstacles that he had to overcome, the herculean efforts that were expended, and the heroic fight that was waged, we can safely say without contradiction that in the words of William Shakespeare, "the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a man!" Indeed, Adolph Hitler was not only the epitome of a man, but he best represented those qualities that shine forth in the White Race — honor, heroism, genius, creativity, leadership, an artistic spirit, and above all, the readiness to sacrifice himself for the good of his race.

But for this one man, undoubtedly Germany would have been overwhelmingly communized in the early 30's. Since Germany is the key and the anchor nation in the heart of Europe, undoubtedly in short order the entire continent would have fallen victim to Jewish-Marxist communism.

Certainly if Hitler and the new National Socialist movement that he founded had not saved Germany, Spain also would have fallen victim to this treacherous cancer. Undoubtedly, the vicious and destructive Spanish Civil War would never have turned out to be a victory for the fighters against Jewish communism. With Spain and Germany gone, in short order a sick and dissipated France, already

Shipping the niggers back to Africa is the only logical course.

heavily infected with the Marxist virus, would have succumbed. With Spain, France and Germany on the one side and communist Russia on the other side, it is unthinkable that the Balkan countries of Romania, Czechoslovakia and the others would have put up any worthwhile resistance in the Jewish onslaught to enslave Europe. With the continent gone, the small island kingdom of Great Britain, itself long a citadel of Jewish money power, would shortly have fallen like an overripe tomato. Certainly Fascist Italy would have shortly crumbled, under military invasion, if necessary, and the few other small and relatively weak countries, such as the Scandinavian countries and Greece, would have offered no obstacle whatsoever. So it can be readily seen that if it had not been for the advent of Adolph Hitler, Europe by the 1930's would have been totally crushed in the giant maws of Jewish Marxism.

Undoubtedly by the middle 30's all of Europe would have been in the grip of this fiendish pestilence that we today call communism but is really the Jewish program for the destruction of the White Race and its civilization. Without a doubt, America, who has within its environs more Jews than any other country in the world, and who supplied the money, the material, the production of the armaments of war, certainly, America would not have resisted the final onslaught of this cancer. It is, therefore, fairly safe to say but for the grace of a kindly Providence and the appearance of Adolph Hitler on the scene of world history, today, you and I would be living under a complete nightmare such as has darkened the lights throughout Russia and Eastern Europe today.

But, you might say, Adolph Hitler was destroyed, Germany was utterly defeated, and National Socialism was completely crushed without a vestige remaining.

It is true Adolph Hitler is dead. It is true Germany was utterly vanquished and left a mass of rubble. It is true that National Socialism was eradicated as a political party in Germany. So what has Adolph Hitler done for us — for the White Race?

Well, he has done a great deal. For one thing he has bought us time. As we stated previously, undoubtedly by the end of the 1930's all of Europe and most likely the whole world would be lying crushed and gutted, cowering at the feet of the diabolical Jewish monster — communist Marxism. Adolph Hitler did not die in vain. He died for his beloved White Race, including you and me. He bought us at least 50 years of time in which we could rally ourselves and make a great

Christianity despises facts, evidence and reasoning.

final effort to victoriously crush the monster that is now still clutching at our throat.

—Yes, he bought us time and he did more than that, he gave us a sense of direction and he gave us a great cause and an inspiring example to strive for. He challenged this vile evil and he showed us all that this monstrous world plague could be challenged and could be overcome. In fact, he came marvelously close to winning the battle in his own time. He gave us hope, he gave us an example, and he gave us an ideology to fight for. In clear lines, he delineated the enemy, and he set forth the goal. He established the first White government that was based on a racial foundation.

Adolph Hitler did not die in vain. From his ashes shall rise a Phoenix right in the heart of America that will spring to life again and take up the battle to save not only America, but to save the White Race for the entire world.

The life story of Adolph Hitler undoubtedly constitutes the most fantastic true romance of any story that has ever been written in the history of mankind. It is a true story, not a fantasy conjured in the minds of story-tellers. It is a great epic that has occurred within this present century and we can be proud that it has happened in our own time.

To understand the story of Adolph Hitler we must first of all reach back into the history of Germany itself, and even before that, the story of the German people.

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Anyone who studies the outcroppings of genius in the progress of the White Race cannot help but be impressed by the number of German names that predominate in any such list. Whether it be in the field of music, or in the field of literature, or in the field of chemistry, or mathematics, or in the field of inventions, or in the field of physics, the contributions of genius in all these fields from the German people have been rich indeed. Not only that, but the German people embody all those qualities that are the pride of the White Race — they are hard working, productive, energetic, brave fighters, and above all, tremendously creative. On the other hand, they also possess that fatal flaw that is so characteristic of the White Race — they are so prone to squabbling and fighting amongst themselves, and, furthermore, have a fatal susceptibility to Jewish propaganda.

For centuries not only did the Germans possess the best qualities of the Nordic blood within the White Race, but they were located in

The "Sermon on the Mount" is a program for racial suicide.

the heart of geographic Europe, and therefore, in any European development, were the key element.

Why then, it might well be asked, did Germany lag behind France, Spain and England in the race for colonies, and in fact, in the establishment of a world empire? And the answer lies in its Achilles heel, namely a house divided against itself cannot endure. In no major nation has there been so much divisiveness and so much internal and fraternal bickering as among the German people. Thus it was, until that great leader, Adolph Hitler, came along.

Since the days of the Romans, through the reign of Charlemagne, and for centuries thereafter, Germany has been split into small principalities, dukedoms and kingdoms. Probably not since the days of the fall of Babylon has a people been so infested with Jewish parasites as were the little fiefs, dukedoms and principalities of Germany. Upon these, the Jews continually fastened themselves, and upon their rulers — loaning them money, corrupting their morals and stirring up wars.

Nevertheless, by the 18th century it became evident that the Germans were becoming a major power in the heart of Europe and would by their numbers, their industry and their energy, soon master the continent of Europe, if left unchecked. If there is one thing that the Jews cannot and will not tolerate (if they can help it) it is that a great White people like the Germans unite and predominate in world politics. It was therefore at this time that the Jews promoted what has been known in history as the "Great Schism." The Jew hurled the Protestant Reformation into the face of White Europe, and with it a fratricidal convulsion on an unprecedented scale.

~~The Jews, who created Christianity in the first place, and dominated and controlled it for the first 1500 years through the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic church, had thoroughly corrupted the church to the point where the average "believer" was so completely sickened and nauseated by the excesses of the church leadership that he was ready to revolt. The Jews then brought forth a puppet to lead the revolt against the church that was to split wide open the White world all the way from Germany to Sweden to France and England.~~

Amongst no people were the ensuing convulsions greater than amongst the German people. After smoldering for approximately a century this convulsion burst forth into a flaming struggle among the German people. It was called the Thirty Year's War.

Between 1618 and 1648, a devastating 30 years, the German

We shun the creed of humility and submissiveness.

Your Loyalty--a Sacred Trust

Where DOES your loyalty lie?

If you belong to one of the Kosher Conservative groups, they will have pounded into you over and over again that you must be loyal to your country, loyal to your flag, and above all, loyal to that great, great American Constitution. "Patriotism" is the great virtue, they say. Even the Jewish controlled newspapers will tell you the same thing, although they then will immediately proceed to desecrate and defoul all of these with the most scurrilous trash and garbage that they generally heap upon all of the White Man's institutions and emblems.

The fact is that a man's loyalty belongs to none of these. A man's loyalty is first and foremost to his racial family, which is an immediate extension of his own family. In other words, a White Man's first and foremost loyalty belongs to the White Race. Every other race knows instinctively that their loyalty lies with their own race. The Jews know it, the niggers know it, and every other race knows it except the average White American, who it so happens, is the basic target for destruction in this treacherous and tricky war we are now enmeshed, whether we like it or not, whether we know it or not.

The Jew may be a citizen of France, or England, or Germany, or the United States. He is completely unconcerned about the welfare of his host country. He acknowledges no loyalty to any such country. On the contrary, he usually is actively engaged in pulling down the framework of the country in which he lives, plundering and ransacking the remains in the process. He has only one loyalty — the Jewish race. Let some country threaten to harm a Jew anywhere in the world — such as the recent Russian hijackers, or the Rosenberg atomic spies of a few decades ago — and all the Jews of the world rise to a man and scream to high heaven: "Save the Rosenbergs!" "Let our people go!" The fact that the condemned Jews are guilty criminals is irrelevant as far as they are concerned. Save them at any cost! Scream persecution! Scream loud and long! Anything to save any Jew no matter how guilty, no matter how criminal.

Let us never forget that it is this racial loyalty and solidarity that has made the Jews the world power they are today.

Racial loyalty is a fundamental instinct given us by Nature for

Niggers are animals.

the preservation of each race. The more healthy this instinct is and the more a race exercises this healthy instinct, the more likely it is to survive. The more it is smothered by deception or brain pollution, the more vulnerable such a race is to destruction from those who utilize their native instincts of racial loyalty.

The black man has it and the Jew finds it easy to promote racial loyalty among the niggers, to organize it and utilize it for the destruction of the White Race. He has the niggers talking about "Black Culture" where none exists. He has them talking about "Black Pride," where there is very little to be proud of. The Jew, through his skillful manipulation of propaganda has the black man screaming "Kill Whitey". He fans an emotional hatred for the White Race not only among the blacks and mulattos of America, but among all the colored peoples of the world. His plans call for the deployment of the inferior colored races of the world as shock troops to mongrelize the superior White Race and kill and exterminate those that will not mongrelize.

This program of mongrelization or extermination is taking place before our eyes in America today. Forced school busing, a dastardly outrage and a shameful insult to the White Race, is a major part of the program to mongrelize the next generation. It is their objective to pump the black blood of Africa into the veins of White Americans. Nobody need deceive themselves that the Jewish program of "togetherness" and "intermingling" during the school years, fortified with a massive brain pollution program in the schools, on television and in the news media, that this is not going to end up in mixed marriages and race mixing. In fact, mongrelization is the overwhelming massive drive that the Jews have in store for us today. They're going to use every power-play, every trick of propaganda, and every unconstitutional law that they can force upon us to achieve this, their goal, the mongrelization of the White Race.

Just today I read about a Jewess by the name of Cohen lecturing a group of "Christian" White women about where their "Christian" duty lay. According to this Mrs. Cohen, the White families were living in an artificial world and they better get with it and start adopting black babies, because there was a surplus of black babies for adoption and it was their "Christian duty" to give them a home. She added ominously that if this wasn't pursued with vigor and enthusiasm, there were already laws in the making that would force them to adopt these little black jungle bunnies. And, again, let us not deceive ourselves, unless we put a stop to this outrage, the Jews will

Christianity and communism are Jewish Twins.

Dear Haste,
I received your letter of 10/10/80 with the C.O.T.C. This letter by Albert Haste, Jr. on Page 11 of R.L. No. 47 makes my reply about the Bondra group easier. Richard Bondra is a Treasury Dept. BATF agent. The Stockton College controversy was a charade like Bondra's running for write-in governor of NJ in 1985. That entire campaign was a hoax. The Bondra group hasn't even been to Stockton since the settlement. They could have distributed leaflets in the area outside the campus or used the college because one can pamphleteer on private property open to the public, like malls, flea markets and campuses. The old ACLU victories were never recognized by the people in authority.

I'm getting behind Bob Mercer's campaign and will try to persuade the Populist Party to be religiously neutral and endorse him since one of their major supporters, Appalachians Books, is pro-Omnist and sells Creativity books.

Finally the C.O.T.C. is the only organization doing something about the South African crisis.

Thank you!
(Name withheld)
New Jersey

ED. NOTE—You are quite welcome and we thank you as well and hope you'll become more open. **THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR!** What we should fear is that our movement is not pushed openly. Become a minister and start a Church of The Creator. While we're on the subject of cleaning up the White movement as a whole, maybe some of our readers might want to confirm and explain another nasty rumor we recently heard. The "Christian" KKK of Virgil Griffin now has a Jew named Jordan Golub as its Grand Dragon in Mississippi (even though he was tried and banished from this same organization a few years ago when Grand Dragon of Virginia). Let's give of Virgil a big **WHITE POWER!** and **HAIL VICTORY** for Jesus! When will you Klansmen ever learn?

P.M. Shakes 'em Up in Phoenix

Dear Sir,

I heard you on KFYI in Phoenix, AZ and I'm very interested in your organization. I'd like to join as soon as possible. Send more info!

Sincerely,
Ed James
Texas

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Yours truly,
John Fitzgerald
New York

ED. NOTE—These are typical examples of the more than 30 letters (ALL positive) we've received so far in response to the live interview done last month in Phoenix. America is ready for our message—these are not White Power extremists who responded, but rather mainstream, middle class, fed-up White people who would have never responded to the message of the Klan, Nazis, Confederates, etc. We are receptive to doing more of these shows, but only if done in an atmosphere of impartiality, not hostility! Try and picture the results we'd get if our message was repeated over and over on all forms of media, without opposition, as our enemies enjoy now. Close your eyes Creator, think... and 'Create' ways to realize that scenario. Look for audio cassettes of this interview to be available from us in a month or so.

*BAB of the Month

Sirs,

God forgive you! I have been upset to no end to find that there is an organization such as yours and what's more, trying to connect it with religion. Christ said "ALL men are created equal." He did not worry or care about a man's religion nor his color.

Shocked!!
Elizabeth Wright
New York

Babb of the Month

Dear Pontifex:

I have recently read several of your books, and I share your views on practically every point in your publications; i.e., the insidious greed of 'God's Chosen' (those who have a penchant for foretelling), and the mongrelization of the White Race, etc. We can't use the "J" word any longer, since Ronald Reagan signed the Genocide Treaty into law on November 3rd—also we may find ourselves in front of a

* Born Again Book

Church... (The Church of the Creator) is the 'profits' derived from the exploitation of the public by a tyrannical state and local government, i.e., exemption from taxation as a religious organization.

Violence is the last resort of the incompetent; education is the only solution—as I see it. Many of these open hate-groups are actually doing more harm than good, by attracting attention to themselves (which the Zionist controlled press loves) they are becoming the lightning rods for the real cause (causa belli); bleeding off the static charge—while the real movers and shakers are polishing their strategies for victory. What's really needed is an underground communication system of real, and true patriots; not a circus of loud-mouths who run around attracting attention—getting arrested, etc..

Aryan & proud!
Ray Babb
Montana

Hyden Hard in Europe

Dear Haste Primus,

Both I and my lady were pleasantly surprised to receive your enthusiastic letters. We do enjoy the books too! I discussed what you proposed in your letters to us—and the answer is a united YES! Together, we can get something done for the Church. I am not sure if you consider giving us responsibility for the European field or not, although I feel we could handle that. There are a few points I would like to take up here: (1) The 'Basic Books' need to be translated in countries like France and Sweden if we shall reach out to people. The English language is a wall sometimes. (2) The laws are much, much harder here concerning racism, so there are great parts that cannot be translated legally. This is a problem and I am not sure yet how to tackle it. I can manage to 'come around it' concerning the printing of the 16 Commandments and our fundamental program by using some 'legal' words. (3) The No. 1 task in this land is to introduce our Gospel. I will make use of all my contacts. Most people still hang on to 'democratic racism' so hang patient. I think it is better to be few, but good, than many and dumb! (4) The name we propose is **Kreuzkristen Kyrka (C.O.T.C.)**.

See enclosed copy of my newspaper, that includes a Swedish translation of parts of **Racial Loyalty**. This paper is mailed to 100 different individuals in various parts of Sweden. You know, the first phase is, as always, to introduce a 'subject' to a quite uninformed public.

A Rev. Tommy...
Kreuzkristen Kyrka

Stepps invandringen
Blevare Svenska Blodet!
—Stop Immigration—
KEEP SWEDISH-BLOOD!

Dear Haste,

Enclosed is a heraldic escutcheon I designed last week with our Creativity symbol. (See P. 11) As you know, culture never had a chance to flourish here in the Jewnited States. Heraldry alone is almost nil, but that is to be expected. It represents the aristocratic glory and fineness of our European White heritage something the lesser races would love to see long forgotten. I have decorated my house inside and out with it. There is no mistaking—White Man lives here.

In spite of the relentless defamatory smears on White race groups in the Jewmedia, things are looking up. I can see White unity getting stronger all the time. (The harder they push, the stronger we become.) I am sure glad to be a part of the one group that has the answers, solutions common sense, both feet on the ground, and knows where the hell they are going. **RAHOWAI!**

More later
Ron McVay
Washington

Eastern Europe Is Ours Too

Dear Pontifex,

I don't believe in Euro-fighting. Facts emanate [through our organization] from group unknown in the West. Could it be that this personal note is the commencement of a solidarity of sharing and friendship?—or are the sandy-haired, blue-eyed bloods of Poland and Slavdom again to face the [divisive] tool of foolish conflicts? I will be touring the underground and I will share the results with you when I return...Working together and sharing can eradicate Euro misunderstandings...

More later
(name withheld)
representing world Polish community

"One good school-master is of more use than a hundred priests."

Thomas Paine [1737—1809]
Sponsor a young White Man in the School For Gifted Boys. Is there anything as important?

PEACE
RACE
AWAY! SAVE THE WHITE
PROPAGANDA

Creatively yours,
A White American
California

ED. NOTE — Our readers will be hearing more, much more, from the outspoken, but tuned-in "White American" next month in *Racial Loyalty* as we let him expound on the subject of propaganda. Is it possible that Creativity has found K's GSP? Will we find out the identity of our mysterious Creator, the "White American"? Get those RL renegades in and let the first on your block to know the answers to these questions.

* Great Promises

On Enemy Toll Effectiveness Factor

Dear P.M. & H.P.:

On E.T.E.F. — In addition to requiring marksmanship, skills, GUNS are slow. No matter how accurate, expensive or rapid firing a cartridge firing weapon is, you can still hit only ONE person at a time (one, two, three...). Even if you line up a bunch of niggers against a wall, one in front of the other as in proper warfare-line formation, and then shoot them shishka-bob style (into the front of the first, out his back and into the front of the next, etc.) you may conserve a few bullets, BUT you're still only hitting them one at a time. Therefore guns are SPECIALTY weapons of limited use, conceivable for self defense/offense, or for picking out precise individuals out of a crowd.

The only way to kill many people all at once, instantly and in the same millisecond is to blow them up, BOOM! (Big mushroom cloud with Jewish beanie twirling at its top). But explosives are quite loud.

Deflation
Fanatic — a highly valued individual who will not change his mind and will not change the subject.

Dear Creator,

RL is great! But take it easy on the Klan guys...lots of them are my best friends. They will eventually come around to our point of view. The Jews laugh their heads off when they see lightning. \$2 and two mailing labels enclosed — please send copies of the booklets, *The Federal Reserve Subsidies and Russia, Israel and the U.S.* and C.O.T.C. intro packet to each.

sgt

H. Heins
Michigan

Greetings White Patriots:

It has come to my attention that you are helping to abolish the problems infesting our nation.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to join with the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to help abolish these problems.

The leadership of the IERKKK, Realm of Texas, feel that the Church of the Creator, if joined with our Great American Movement, will become the rulers of the world!

For Racial Country
Bill Lethers, Grand Dragon
Dallas, Texas

ED. NOTE — We are concerned only with the White world — nothing else! We are excited about the changes for the better that are taking place within the

LOYALTY & THE ETERNAL LAWS OF NATURE...in a dead Jew as the motivating force in our struggle.

Carlos Strikes Back

Dear C.O.T.C.,

Thank you very much for the newspapers and books. I had seen a copy of *NATURE'S ETERNAL RELIGION*, in fact I still have it, it was given to me by Dominic Lewinsky of the National Socialist White People's Party in 1979 or 1980, just before he committed suicide.

I have not had time to read your material carefully; I think the books and leaflets are superior to the newspaper; much of it is extremely crude in appearance and style; but as far as I understand it, I must say I agree with you 100 percent. I think this material is actually logical; original; and on very sound historical ground. It is very convincing; it is honest; it suggests many things I had never thought of, and changes many of my ideas almost immediately, almost at a glance. It is utterly free of pretensions. It covers a wide range of subjects easily and apparently, competently; I think to have so many original ideas, Klansmen must be really something of a genius. Unfortunately the appearance of it will cause many people to think it is the product of a semi-literate moron with a third-grade education. [OUCH! Gee, Carlos, we do the best we can.]

It is better to tell the truth as you see it than think about the reaction of hypothetical audiences; if you change your style to be popular or acceptable you end up like [Gary] Gallo.

I was amazed by the series of logical questions you asked Gallo, and I was appalled and disgusted by his mealy-mouthed evasion of the answers. Particularly hypocritical was his distinction between personal opinion and political doctrine; this letter, like faith, means, of course, "believing what you know isn't true".

If Gallo is typical of what education does to the human mind, I prefer retards.

I think it is a mistake to call Covington a hypocrite; rather, he is, in my opinion, a brilliant writer with an unstable personality who is a terrible judge of people.

The trouble with these people is that if you tell them politely that you are not interested, you continue to get replies and reams of their stuff; if you are impolite you get abusive letters and more junk; so you have to be RUDE.

I do not have any copies of my own books (which you requested) at the moment. If you buy one, make sure you get the IHR version and not George Dietz's version, with a yellow cover, published under a pen name; I think Dietz must have captured his printing press at Stalingrad. [Join the crowd, George. You're just been Portierized.]

Yours,
Carlos Porter
Belgium

ED. NOTE — Mr Porter was the subject of an exchange between the C.O.T.C. and Gary Gallo.

WINGERS — DO NOTHING! GUNS KILL WHITES, RAPE WHITES FROM WHITES. DESTROY WHITE AMERICA. OK...NOW GO FOR IT!



his shrinking NDF (see P. 4 of RL No. 48). Since we had never heard of Mr. Porter, but Gallo unwittingly provided us with his address, we sent him some literature and this (much-shortened) letter is what we got back. Thanks Gary!

Dear P.M. & H.P.,

What's going on? I just got a letter from Dirty (as a Jew) Harry. It is CLEAR to me that Harold Covington is either a Fed of some sort or a KIKE! Least of all he is a traitor and deserves to die like one.

Is the school still on? If so, when? I am very enthusiastic about going. Write back as soon as you can!

Death to the Jew!
Rev. Matt Haybow
Ohio

ED. NOTE — When Harold's Confederate National Congress is now defunct, his new Klan group is a joke to Creators and confirms our thesis that he is the ultimate hypocrite, yet he keeps spreading lies and rumors about C.O.T.C. to anyone whom address he has. We want copies of all these letters (and envelopes) as we mount our legal defense (and offense) against this election chameleon. Have a "come and shut" order sent from your Postmaster to his directing that he quit harassing you through the U.S. Mail. Obtain an injunction with the phone company if he is bothering you or calling and hanging up (like he has done to me). The best thing you can do is ignore him and come on down to the School and do positive work for the White Race. H.C. has already hung himself through his many perflous actions and doesn't need anymore help from Creators. By the way, Pontiac is not hiding in Florida (or anywhere else) from Harold's legal onslaught, and Hanta did not do Harold's bones that the JDL was going to assault his business with AK-47's because of H.C.'s political activities. It's too bad he lost his job, but it had nothing to do with anything we did. And, yes, the School For Gifted Boys is still on in spite of H.C.'s nasty rumors as C.O.T.C.'s motto for building the school. We don't know WHAT he is, but to say this boy has an unstable personality is putting it mildly.

From France:

From France November 1986

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Dear Friend:
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Yours cordially,
Dr. Robert Farrelson
France



FRANCE CAN MAKE WHITE DOSSIER NEGROIDIZME (1997) WITH A FOREWORD BY BEATE KLARFELD. AT PRESENT IN SAIL IN PARIS (MAISON DE LA SAINTE).

R. Farrelson (France)

11 May 1999

...then enemies-ooo style (into the front of the first, out his back and into the front of the next, etc.) you may conserve a few bullets, BUT you're still only hitting them one at a time. Therefore guns are SPECIALTY weapons of limited use, concealable for self defense/offense, or for picking out precise individuals out of a crowd.

The only way to kill many people all at once, instantly and in the same millisecond is to blow them up. BOOM! (Big mushroom cloud with Jewish beanies twirling at its top). But explosives are quite loud.

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to help abolish these problems.

The leadership of the IEKKKK, Realm of Texas, feel that the Church of the Creator, if joined with our Great American Movement, will become the rulers of the world!!

For Race and Country
Bill Latham, Grand Dragon
Realm of Texas

ED. NOTE — We are concerned only with the White world — nothing else! We are excited about the changes for the better that are taking place within the

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Dr. Patrice Chatriot
France



Patrice Chatriot

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IN PRIS IN PARIS (PRISON DE LA SAINTE).

R. Faurisson (FRANCE)

12 May 1989

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LOSANGELES, AND PHOENIX, DATED JUNE 9, 1989.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION REQUESTED INFORMATION
CONCERNING SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED IN
[REDACTED] LETTER, WHICH LEGAT LONDON
RECEIVED ON JUNE 8, 1989. *DU*

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THE FILES OF THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE OF THE FBI REVEAL THE
FOLLOWING POSITIVE INFORMATION:

1. BEN KLASSEN AND CHURCH OF THE CREATOR:

BERNARD "BEN" KLASSEN, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH
FEBRUARY 20, 1918, P. O. BOX 400, COMMISSIONER CREEK, OTTO,
NORTH CAROLINA, IS A RETIRED REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER, WHO CAME
TO NORTH CAROLINA APPROXIMATELY IN 1982 FROM LIGHTHOUSE
POINT, FLORIDA, AND BEGAN BUILDING HIS "CREATIVITY" CENTER
FOR THE NATIONAL DISSEMINATION OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND
BROCHURES, WHICH ADVOCATE WHITE SUPREMACY.

KLASSEN IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR,
INC., OLD GEORGIA ROAD, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH IS HIS
"CREATIVITY" CENTER. THE KLASSEN COMPLEX CONSISTS OF ONE
TWO-STORY CHURCH BUILDING, A RANCH STYLE HOUSE BEHIND THE
CHURCH, AND ANOTHER SMALL BUILDING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

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THE ENTIRE COMPLEX IS FENCED IN AND A BOARDED FENCE RESTRICTS VIEW OF THE STRUCTURES. A WARNING SIGN IS POSTED TO THE ONLY NOTICEABLE DRIVEWAY INTO THE COMPLEX AND STATED TO THE EFFECT THAT PERMISSION IS NEEDED TO ENTER UPON THE PREMISES.

IN 1985, [REDACTED] WHO IS IN A POSITION TO FURNISH RELIABLE INFORMATION, ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVES MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, INC., IS LESS THAN 15 IN NUMBER AND THAT HE HAS NEVER NOTICED MORE THAN TWO OR THREE CARS AT ANY ONE TIME AT THE KLASSEN COMPLEX. THE COMPLEX HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF SOME LOCAL PEOPLE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, WITH NO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY TO DATE.

IN 1985, [REDACTED] WHO IS IN A POSITION TO FURNISH RELIABLE INFORMATION, ADVISED THAT IN 1983, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CARS THAT KEPT PASSING THE COMPLEX.

THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE OF THE FBI OBTAINED COPIES OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, INC., WHICH ARE ON FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA. KLASSEN'S CORPORATION IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS "THE DISSEMINATION,

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TEACHING, AND PROMOTION OF THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF THE INCORPORATORS." THE CORPORATION'S OBJECTIVE IS "TO BRING THE BENEFITS OF THEIR RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS AND BELIEFS TO ALL THE AREAS OF THE WORLD."

IN THE PAMPHLET, "WHAT IS CREATIVITY ALL ABOUT?," KLASSEN'S CREATIVITY PROGRAM IS DESCRIBED AS "A POWERFUL RELIGIOUS CREED AND PROGRAM ESTABLISHED FOR THE SURVIVAL, EXPANSION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE GREAT WHITE RACE EXCLUSIVELY." THE PAMPHLET ALSO INCLUDES AN ORDER FORM THROUGH WHICH SEVERAL BOOKS WRITTEN BY KLASSEN COULD BE OBTAINED.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES FROM THE "ASHEVILLE CITIZEN," ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, DATED DECEMBER 17, 1986, AND DECEMBER 18, 1986, DESCRIBED A SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING A MINISTER AND SECURITY GUARD AT THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR. CHARLES C. MESSICK WAS FOUND GUILTY ON DECEMBER 16, 1986, OF FIRING INTO AN OCCUPIED VEHICLE AND TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, STEMMING FROM A JUNE 14, 1986, INCIDENT AT THE CHURCH. MESSICK FIRED 19 SHOTS INTO A VEHICLE OCCUPIED BY A GEORGIA COUPLE AFTER THEY HAD STOPPED AT 3:30

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A.M. NEAR THE CHURCH. MESSICK HAD BEEN SLEEPING IN THE NUDE ON THE CHURCH DECK WHEN HE WAS AWAKENED BY VOICES. THE COUPLE WAS LOST AND HAD STOPPED TO MIX A DRINK WHEN MESSICK OPENED FIRE, FLATTENING TIRES, PUNCTURING THE RADIATOR, AND KNOCKING OUT A HEADLIGHT. MESSICK SAID HE WAS AIMING ONLY TO DISABLE THE CAR SO THAT HE COULD HOLD THE OCCUPANTS UNTIL POLICE OFFICERS COULD ARRIVE AND ARREST THE "TRESPASSING" COUPLE. MESSICK CLAIMED HE WAS AN EXPERT MARKSMAN AND SERVED 12 YEARS IN ELITE UNITS OF THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS, AND ARMY RESERVE.

KLASSEN WAS CALLED AS A WITNESS DURING MESSICK'S TRIAL BY MESSICK, BUT KLASSEN REFUSED TO REVEAL HIS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. "MY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AND BELIEFS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION IN THIS COURT," KLASSEN SAID.

ON DECEMBER 17, 1986, MESSICK WAS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR FIRING 19 SHOTS INTO AN OCCUPIED VEHICLE AND TWO YEARS ON EACH OF TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON. THE SENTENCES ARE TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY.

KLASSEN CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION OF THE FBI IN JUNE 1985, WHEN KLASSEN WAS MENTIONED AS BEING

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PRESENT AT A BANQUET HELD AT AN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HOTEL. THE
SPEAKER AT THAT BANQUET WAS RICHARD BUTLER, LEADER, ARYAN
NATIONS (AN) CHURCH, HAYDEN LAKE, IDAHO.

2. DAVID DUKE AND THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN:

IN 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKKK) WAS ESTABLISHED IN BATON ROUGE,
LOUISIANA, IN LATE 1973 BY DAVID ERNEST DUKE, A FORMER LEADER
OF SEVERAL LOCAL WHITE HATE-TYPE GROUPS. THE ORGANIZATION'S
PUBLICATION, "THE CRUSADER," DESCRIBES THE KKKK AS A MOVEMENT
OF MEN WHO ARE CREATING AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS THE
STRENGTH TO STOP THE DECAY AND DECLINE OF OUR COMMUNITIES
AND WHITE CHRISTIAN CULTURE. IT IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES
WHICH MADE THE WHITE RACE AND AMERICA GREAT AND WHICH WILL
LEAD THEM TO GREATNESS AGAIN. THE KKKK HAS ESTABLISHED NO
DIRECT LINK WITH ANY OTHER LOCAL OR NATIONAL KLAN
ORGANIZATION.

AT A KKKK RECEPTION HELD FOR DAVID DUKE IN JANUARY 1974,
HE STATED THERE SOON WOULD BE A LARGE-SCALE CLASH BETWEEN

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BLACKS AND WHITES, AND HE URGED WHITES TO ARM THEMSELVES

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INPREPARATION FOR THIS. DURING A RADIO APPEARANCE AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, IN JANUARY 1974, DUKE STATED THE KLAN WAS GETTING READY FOR A VIOLENT AND BAD SITUATION WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL ARISE IN THIS COUNTRY, BY GETTING GUNS AND GETTING ORGANIZED. DUKE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY TO PARTICIPATE AND SPEAK AT DEMONSTRATIONS AND RALLIES OF OTHER WHITE EXTREMIST GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, DATED JANUARY 1975, REFER TO DAVID DUKE, ALIAS DAVID ERNEST DUKE, BEING JEERED OFF A UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL STAGE BY 200 OR MORE MOSTLY BLACK STUDENTS. DUKE WAS PREVENTED FROM DELIVERING A LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY, BUT LATER AT A RECEPTION STATED TO AN AUDIENCE THAT THE KU KLUX KLAN "ARE NOT ANTI-BLACK...NOT ANTI-CATHOLIC...THE JEWS CONTROL THE BANKS AND THE MEDIA...THE JEWS CONTROL THIS COUNTRY...WHITE PEOPLE ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. ESPECIALLY WHITE MALES."

IN 1972, THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION OF THE FBI RECEIVED A LIST OF 488 NAMES COPIED FROM 3 X 5 CARDS WHICH WERE FOUND ON JANUARY 18, 1972, AMONGST THE PAPERS OF THE NATIONAL PARTY (NP) HEADQUARTERS, 3210 DUMAINE STREET, NEW ORLEANS,

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LOUISIANA. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE NAMES CONSTITUTED A CONTACT ROSTER OF RIGHT-WING PERSONS SYMPATHETIC TO, OR POSSIBLY MEMBERS OF, THE NP OR DAVID DUKE'S FORMER GROUPS.

THE FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING THE NATIONAL PARTY:

THE NP WAS ORGANIZED BY DAVID DUKE IN THE FALL OF 1971 TO FOSTER THE PURITY OF THE WHITE RACE AND TO ORGANIZE AGAINST OPPRESSION OF WHITES BY BLACK STUDENTS IN NEW ORLEANS HIGH SCHOOLS. CURRENT LEADERS OF THE NP, BESIDES DUKE HIMSELF, ARE NEW ORLEANS ASSOCIATES OF DUKE, ALL OF WHOM WERE MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF DUKE'S WHITE YOUTH ALLIANCE (WYA) IN NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE UNTIL THAT GROUP DISCONTINUED IN SPRING 1971 WHEN DUKE TRAVELED OVERSEAS. THE WYA WAS SELF DESCRIBED AS AN ARM OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY (THE OLD AMERICAN NAZI PARTY). THOUGH NONE OF THE NP MEMBERS/LEADERS HAVE EVER ENGAGED IN VIOLENCE, THEY HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN INSTIGATING MILITANT, ANTI-NEGRO RALLIES AND PICKETS, AND STAGING OF INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES.

3. "THE POOR MAN'S JAMES BOND" AND KURT SAXON:

IN JANUARY 1974, LEAFLETS CAPTIONED, "THE POOR MAN'S

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JAMES BOND," BY KURT SAXON (\$5.00 POSTPAID), WERE MAILED TO THE WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, OFFICES OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. ON THE ENVELOPES WAS THE RETURN ADDRESS: ATLAN FORMULARIES, BOX 438, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501. THE LEAFLET CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING:

"AS CONDITIONS AROUND OUR NATION BECOME MORE CHAOTIC THE ROUTINE KNOWLEDGE OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS MAY PROVE INADEQUATE. SHEER LACK OF PERSONNEL AND FUNDS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE INTELLIGENT APPLICATION OF PARAMILITARY TACTICS AGAINST SOCIETY AND CIVIL AUTHORITY ON THE OTHER DEMANDS A SOPHISTICATION SELDOM NEEDED BEFORE NOW."

"INTENDED ORIGINALLY FOR THE POLITICAL RIGHT, THE POOR MAN'S JAMES BOND IS GEARED FOR USE BY THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES. IT EMBODIES ALL THE PRACTICAL PARAMILITARY KNOWLEDGE COLLECTED AND STUDIED BY DISSIDENT GROUPS THROUGHOUT AMERICA. IT IS A KIND OF READER'S DIGEST OF DO-IT-YOURSELF MAYHEM."

"WITH THIS BOOK YOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO RECREATE ANY PARAMILITARY OPERATION AND IDENTIFY AND OFTEN TRACE ANY BOMB OR OTHER DISRUPTIVE DEVICE. IT WILL HELP YOU NOT ONLY

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TO KNOW MORE THAN THEY DO BUT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THEY
KNOW THAN THEY DO THEMSELVES."

"INCLUDED IN THE NEWEST, PRINTED EDITION IS A SECTION ON
BOMB DISPOSAL AND MAKING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOB."

"THERE IS ALSO A FIFTY PAGE, DIAGRAMMED TREATISE ON
'ARSON BY ELECTRONICS,' WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]
DIVISION OF EXPLOSIVE & RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY, TALLAHASSEE,
FLORIDA."

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"ADDED TO THE LIST BELOW ARE SUCH SUBJECTS AS
PROFESSIONAL COUNTERFEITING FOR THE AMATEUR, A CHAPTER ON
HOMEMADE POISONS AND MUCH MORE."

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LEAFLET WAS THE FOLLOWING: "ATLAN
FORMULARIES, BOX 438, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501."

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4. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] WROTE A LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 6,
1976, ADDRESSED TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, FORT BRAGG, NORTH
CAROLINA. [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO BE A FREELANCE WRITER AND HAD
REQUESTED MILITARY MANUALS TOGETHER WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF
SPECIAL FORCES AND AIRBORNE TROOPS. ON MARCH 27, 1976, AN

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ARMY SPOKESPERSON STATED THAT THE ARMY DID NOT WISH TO MAKE AVAILABLE SOME OF THESE MANUALS SINCE THEY DEALT WITH EXPLOSIVES AND GUERRILLA WARFARE, WHICH, ALTHOUGH NOT CLASSIFIED, ARE NOT GENERALLY FURNISHED TO THE PUBLIC.

THE FILES OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI SHOWED THE FOLLOWING REGARDING [REDACTED]

IN 1971 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESPONDED TO AN ADVERTISEMENT BY NORMOUNT ARMAMENT COMPANY, WHICH APPEARED IN THE BLACK PANTHER NEWSPAPER. NORMOUNT ARMAMENT COMPANY, WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS "THE COMBAT BOOKSHELF: HAS PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON FIREARMS, GUERRILLA TACTICS, EXPLOSIVES AND DEMOLITIONS.

ATTEMPTS BY THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] WAS A WRITER MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CITY DIRECTORIES WERE NEGATIVE FOR [REDACTED]

THE FILES OF THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE OF THE FBI REVEAL NO INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS:

1. [REDACTED]

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DO: FBIHQ.

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FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF THE FBI CONTAIN NO
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR.

FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE REFLECT THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION CONCERNING (X) [REDACTED] (X):

ON AUGUST 5, 1986, [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED AT THE NEW ORLEANS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY OFFICERS OF THE KENNER, LOUISIANA,

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POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR POSSESSION OF A FULLY-LOADED BERETTA
.25-CALIBER SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN, SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED WHEN SAID HANDGUN WAS DETECTED IN HIS
BRIEFCASE AS IT PASSED THROUGH AN X-RAY EXAMINING DEVICE AT THE
AIRPORT SECURITY CHECKPOINT. DURING A SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW,
[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE CARRIES THIS WEAPON FOR SELF-PROTECTION
AND SIMPLY FORGOT TO REMOVE IT FROM HIS BRIEFCASE PRIOR TO
ATTEMPTING TO BOARD HIS AIRCRAFT.

ON AUGUST 22, 1986, THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA RESPECTFULLY DECLINED PROSECUTION
IN THIS MATTER.

THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC) REVEALS THE
FOLLOWING ARREST RECORD FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TWO RELIABLE SOURCES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF THE FBI
HAVE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS KNOWN TO ASSOCIATE WITH MEMBERS OF
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THAT WOULD INDICATE [] IS INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OR IS PRONE TO VIOLENCE.

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[] IS DESCRIBED AS (X) WHITE MALE; DOB []



RECORDS OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF THE FBI REFLECT THAT (X []) HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN RIGHT WING EXTREMIST GROUPS SINCE THE EARLY 1970'S. HAND IS THE FORMER SELF-PROCLAIMED ORGANIZER OF THE ~~NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY (NSWPP)~~ IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AND LATER ORGANIZER AND LEADER OF THE NOW DEFUNCT ~~NATIONAL GUARD PARTY (NGP)~~, ALSO AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK. IN APPROXIMATELY 1978, HAND MOVED TO THE NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AREA WHERE [] THE ~~NATIONAL SOCIALIST LIBERATION FRONT (NSLF)~~.

ON JUNE 27, 1971, [] WAS ARRESTED AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AND CHARGED [] DISPOSITION UNKNOWN.

ON JULY 27, 1974, [] WAS ARRESTED IN ONTARIO, CANADA, AND CHARGED [] DISPOSITION

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UNKNOWN.

ON NOVEMBER 6, 1978, [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN GRETN, LOUISIANA, AND CHARGED [REDACTED]

ON APRIL 12, 1980, [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY, AND CHARGED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISPOSITION UNKNOWN.

ON JANUARY 14, 1981, [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AND CHARGED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISPOSITION NOT SHOWN.

ON MARCH 5, 1981, [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AND CHARGED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISPOSITION NOT SHOWN.

ON JANUARY 12, 1987, [REDACTED] A STATE CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER AND WAS SENTENCED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY.

[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS (X)WHITE MALE; DOB [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE: REFERENCE LEGAT, LONDON TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED JANUARY 25, 1990.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES MENTIONED ABOVE ARE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (PROTECT b7D
IDENTITY).

NEW ORLEANS IS CONDUCTING NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING
ANY OF THE MATTERS MENTIONED ABOVE.

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June 9, 1993

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RE: CHURCH OF THE CREATOR
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Dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to your letter dated March 1, 1993, concerning the above matter.

The Criminal Investigative Division of the FBI has furnished the following information concerning the captioned subject.

The Church of the Creator is a white supremecist organization which was founded by Ben Klassen of Otto, North Carolina. Klassen has since [Redacted] the leadership of the Church of the Creator [Redacted] who moved the headquarters to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The group has engaged in paramilitary training, especially in the security arm of the group which is known as the White Berets.

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The FBI had a domestic terrorism investigation of the Church of the Creator during early 1992; however, this investigation was terminated when the group could not be determined to be involved in any criminal activity.

[Redacted] is the FBIHQ Analyst assigned to this case.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Guido
Inspector in Charge

By: [Redacted] Unit Chief
Foreign Liaison Unit
Office of Liaison and
International Affairs

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- Dep. Dir. _____
- ADO Adm. _____
- ADO Inv. _____
- Asst. Dir.:
- Adm. Servs. _____
- Crim. Inv. _____
- Ident. _____
- Insp. _____
- Intell. _____
- Lab. _____
- Legal Coun. _____
- Rec. Mgnt. _____
- Tech. Servs. _____
- Training _____
- Cong. Affs. Off. _____
- Off. of BEO _____
- Off. of Liaison & _____
- Int. Affs. _____
- Off. of Public Affs. _____
- Telephone Rm. _____
- Director's Sec'y _____

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